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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014, ON PAGE 224]

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE.

THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY INDRA ZUNO FROM  
TARZANA AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY TIFFANY APODACA,  
FOR PETTY OFFICER UNITED STATES NAVY FROM COMPTON, GO NAVY.

**INDRA ZUNO:** LET US APPROACH OUR DAILY WORK CONFIDENT IN THE  
KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES WE FACE COME  
FROM OURSELVES. LET US BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS,  
NEVER BLAMING OTHERS FOR OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND NEVER ALLOWING  
OTHERS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR MISTAKES. LET US BEHAVE  
MORALLY AND ETHICALLY BECAUSE IT IS GOOD IN ITSELF, AND THE  
PROSPERITY AND WELFARE IT BRINGS TO OUR COMMUNITIES IS MORE  
THAN ENOUGH REWARD. LET US BE GRATEFUL BECAUSE IN TIMES OF  
TROUBLE, WE HAVE EACH OTHER TO TURN TO. LET US CHERISH EACH  
BREATH WE TAKE IN OUR BRIEF TIME ON EARTH AS THE UNIQUE,  
FLEETING AND PRECIOUS GIFTS THAT THEY ARE, FOLLOWING IN THE  
FOOTSTEPS OF AMERICANS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE US, LIKE MARK  
TWAIN, KATHRYN HEPBURN, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, LOREEN HANSBERRY,  
PAT TILLMAN, CARL SAGAN, JACK LONDON AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY. FAR

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1 ABOVE ANYTHING OR ANYONE, I'M GRATEFUL TO MY MOTHER FOR HER  
2 BOUNDLESS LOVE AND SUPPORT. LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK THE  
3 GENEROUS PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND THIS COUNTY WHO HAVE SHOWN  
4 ME KINDNESS IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD. YOU HAVE TRULY MADE LOS  
5 ANGELES MY HOME.

6

7 **TIFFANY APODACA:** PLACE THE RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART IF  
8 PURCHASE' A VETERAN. READY, BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
9 RECITED.] THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS -- EXCUSE ME.  
12 YES, BECAUSE ZEV'S NOT HERE YET, OKAY?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES, I'M  
15 PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US OUR PLEDGE VETERAN FOR THE DAY,  
16 TIFFANY APODACA WHO HAS SERVED AS A PETTY OFFICER IN THE  
17 UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 2003 TO 2007. SHE PARTICIPATED WITH  
18 DISTINCTION IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. DURING THAT TIME, SHE  
19 RECEIVED A NUMBER OF HONORS, INCLUDING THE NAVY AND MARINE  
20 CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,  
21 AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. NOW A  
22 CIVILIAN, SHE WORKS AS A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER IN THE LOS  
23 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. PETTY OFFICER  
24 APODACA ATTENDED GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL AND RECEIVED HER  
25 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS



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1 ANGELES. SHE NOW LIVES IN CAMPTON, IS MARRIED WITH TWO  
2 CHILDREN. SHE HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR  
3 NOW THREE YEARS. WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
4 YOUR SERVICE. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE  
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THIS IS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE  
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN MAKE  
7 THIS PRESENTATION TO INDRA ZUNO, IS THAT THE CORRECT  
8 PRONUNCIATION? OKAY. WHO LED US IN THE INVOCATION THIS  
9 MORNING. INDRA ZUNO IS A RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
10 WHERE SHE HAS MADE HER HOME SINCE 2004. A NATIVE OF MEXICO,  
11 SHE IMMIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1999 AND PROUDLY BECAME AN  
12 AMERICAN CITIZEN IN 2009. FORMER STAGE AND TELEVISION ACTRESS,  
13 SHE NOW PUTS HER COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO GOOD USE PROVIDING  
14 REAL TIME SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION FOR L.A. COUNTY  
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS AS WELL AS SERVING AS SPANISH  
16 COURT INTERPRETER FOR THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT AS WELL  
17 AS THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF  
18 CALIFORNIA, THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND PRIVATE ATTORNEYS,  
19 AS WELL. SHE'S A BOARD MEMBER OF AMERICAN ATHEISTS, A MEMBER  
20 OF THE AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION OF THE SECULAR STUDENT'S  
21 ALLIANCE. IT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE HUMANIST SOCIETY TO  
22 PROVIDE SECULAR INVOCATIONS WHICH SHE DID THIS MORNING. SHE  
23 WAS A SPEAKER AT THE AMERICAN ATHEIST CONVENTION IN 2010. AT  
24 THAT SAME YEAR JOINED A DELEGATION ORGANIZED BY THE SECULAR  
25 COALITION FOR AMERICA THAT MET WITH WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS IN

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1 WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE FIRST EVER POLICY BRIEFING FOR  
2 AMERICAN NON-THEISTS. OKAY. IN 2012 SHE ADDRESSED A CROWD OF  
3 30,000 GATHERED ON THE WASHINGTON MALL FOR THE REASON RALLY.  
4 HER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VOLUNTEERING AS A BIG SISTER  
5 FOR TWO LITTLE SISTERS IN THE LOS ANGELES BIG BIG BROTHERS BIG  
6 SISTERS WHICH SHE DID FROM 2005-2012. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE  
7 YOU WITH US THIS MORNING. RESIDENT OF TARZANA. WE APPRECIATE  
8 YOU COMING DOWN AND WISH YOU WELL AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
9 THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE AGENDA.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,  
15 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
16 COMMISSION. ITEM NUMBER 1-D IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR WILL  
19 SECOND. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
22 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM NO. 1-H, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE  
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
2 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE  
3 THE ORDER.

4  
5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
6 OF THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS ITEMS 1-P THROUGH 7-P. ON  
7 ITEM NO. 4-P AND ON ITEM 6-P, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
8 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE  
9 BEFORE YOU.

10  
11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE  
13 THE ORDER.

14  
15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
16 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUT THAT ON HOLD, THEN.

20  
21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT. WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM FOR  
22 NOW. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE  
23 VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE  
24 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS  
25 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 6, ON PAGE 10, CONSENT  
7 CALENDAR, ITEMS 8 THROUGH 60. ON ITEM NO. 10, THERE'S A  
8 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

9  
10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE HELD.

11  
12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THIS INCLUDES THE  
13 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO.  
14 18, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
15 NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
16 THIS ITEM.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

19  
20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT WAS ITEM NO. 19. ON ITEM NO.  
21 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
22 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 27, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF  
23 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 28,  
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
25 TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 25, 2014.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 30, THERE'S A REQUEST  
5 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 37,  
6 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
7 ITEM.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 38, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 39, SUPERVISOR  
13 MOLINA ALSO REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 40,  
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
15 41, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND  
16 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE  
17 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 43, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
18 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 44, THERE'S ALSO A  
19 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
20 NO. 45, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF  
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE  
22 FOLLOWING -- APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT THAT CONTINUES THE  
23 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO DECEMBER 16, 2014. ON ITEMS NUMBER  
24 58 AND 59, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO

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1 HOLD THESE ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
2 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT  
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCES FOR  
9 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 61 THROUGH 62, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT  
10 TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 61, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
11 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE GAS PIPELINE DISTRIBUTION  
12 FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO  
13 EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015,  
14 BECOMING OPERATIVE JANUARY 1, 2015. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THIS ITEM. CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
18 ORDERED.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 62, THIS IS AN  
21 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE ELECTRICAL  
22 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE  
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE  
24 FRANCHISE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 BECOMING OPERATIVE JANUARY  
25 1, 2015. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE 31, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS  
6 63 AND 64 AND ITEM NO. 63 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
7 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
8 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 20, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 64, WE WILL HOLD  
9 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 32, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO  
10 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
11 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM NO.  
12 65-A, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13  
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 65-B.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
20 BY SUPERVISOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED.

22  
23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON 65-C, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON 65-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
4    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 36, NOTICES OF  
5    CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NO. CS-1 AND CS-6, THERE'S A REQUEST  
6    FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND THAT  
7    COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8    SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'RE  
13   CELEBRATING NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH HERE IN THE  
14   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE THOUGHT IT  
15   WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO BRING SOME EVIDENCE ABOUT THE VALUE OF  
16   ADOPTION RIGHT HERE TO THE BOARD. AND SO TO UNDERSCORE THE  
17   IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR AND THANK MARK  
18   OWEN AND TIMOTHY JORDAN WHO ARE HERE WITH ME ALONG WITH THEIR  
19   CHILDREN FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO FAMILY AS SEEN BY THEIR  
20   ADOPTION OF THESE THREE CHILDREN FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY --  
21   YEAH, WE HAVE ALL THREE -- FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOSTER  
22   CARE SYSTEM. ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S GREATEST NEED IS FINDING  
23   FAMILIES THAT ARE WILLING TO TAKE AND KEEP SIBLINGS TOGETHER.  
24   MARK AND TIMOTHY HAVE MET THIS NEED. AT THE OUTSET, THEY  
25   WANTED TO ADOPT TWO CHILDREN. AT THE TIME THEY ADOPTED STEVEN

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1 WHO IS NOW NINE AND HIS SISTER, CHRISTY WHO IS NOW EIGHT AND  
2 THEIR FAMILY WAS COMPLETE. HOWEVER IN 2012, EVERYTHING CHANGED  
3 WHEN THEY RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
4 FAMILY SERVICES ALERTING THEM TO THE BIRTH OF STEVEN AND  
5 CHRISTY'S SIBLING WHO WAS PLACED IN FOSTER CARE, AS WELL.  
6 WANTING TO KEEP ALL THE SIBLINGS TOGETHER, THEY STEPPED UP AND  
7 IN 2013 THEY ADOPTED THEIR SON RYAN, WHO IS NOW AGE FOUR. I  
8 GOT A GRANDDAUGHTER WHO'S FOUR. WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT  
9 HERE. A PLAY DATE. [LAUGHTER.] ALTHOUGH MARK, WHO IS A SENIOR  
10 MANAGER FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AND TIMOTHY AN ARCHITECT  
11 ARE EXTREMELY BUSY, THEY ALWAYS MAKE TIME FOR THEIR THREE  
12 CHILDREN AND ARE VERY INVOLVED IN ALL THEIR SCHOOL AND  
13 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THE COUNTY'S VERY FORTUNATE TO  
14 HAVE FAMILIES LIKE THE ONE CREATED BY MARK OWEN AND TIMOTHY  
15 JORDAN WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS  
16 AND HAVE OPENED UP THEIR HEART AND THEIR HOME TO PROVIDE A  
17 PERMANENT LOVING HOME AND FAMILY TO THESE THREE CHILDREN. WE  
18 WANTED TO HONOR YOU, CONGRATULATE YOU AND RECOGNIZE YOU FOR  
19 THAT. AND THE EXAMPLE YOU'RE SETTING AND HOPEFULLY PEOPLE WHO  
20 HEAR THE SOUND OF OUR VOICE AS WELL AS POLICYMAKERS WILL  
21 UNDERSTAND WHAT A GREAT GIFT YOU'VE GIVEN TO THESE THREE  
22 CHILDREN AND TO SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. WE THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
23 WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE AND ESPECIALLY HONORED TO HAVE  
24 YOUR THREE KIDS. AND I'M SURE THEY'RE DESPERATELY WANTING TO  
25 GET BACK TO SCHOOL. [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW WHAT MARK TWAIN SAID



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1 DON'T LET YOUR SCHOOLING INTERFERE WITH YOUR EDUCATION. SO  
2 YOU'RE GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION THIS MORNING. CONGRATULATIONS  
3 TO YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK PHIL BROWNING, OUR DIRECTOR OF  
4 D.C.F.S. TO SAY A FEW WORDS. BUT GIVE THEM A HAND. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **MR. BROWNING:** I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD FOR  
7 RECOGNIZING THIS MONTH, NOVEMBER, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH.  
8 I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A  
9 NUMBER OF CHILDREN JUST LIKE THESE SIBLING SETS WHICH ARE IN  
10 THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION. AND I TALKED WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS,  
11 THESE PARENTS, EARLIER AND THEY GAVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO ONE OF  
12 OUR D.C.F.S. WORKERS WHO IS STANDING OVER HERE, CHANNEL SMITH.  
13 SO I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HER. [APPLAUSE.] AND ALL OF THE, I'D  
14 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HER, SOME OF OUR STAFF WHO ARE OUT IN THE  
15 AUDIENCE AND THE THOUSANDS OF WORKERS EVERY DAY WHO TRY TO  
16 REUNITE FAMILIES. AND THIS IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO MAKE A  
17 PERMANENT FAMILY. AND I DO THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT JUST  
18 FOR ONE OF YOU TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROCESS IF YOU'VE  
19 GOT A MOMENT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SIR, AND SUPERVISOR. WE'RE HONORED TO BE  
22 HERE AND WE'RE HONORED TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. WE'RE INDEBTED TO  
23 D.C.F.S. AND CHANELLE FOR THE LIFE-ALTERING WORK THAT THEY DID  
24 FOR US. AND WE CAN NEVER SAY ENOUGH FOR THEM, TO THEM TO THANK  
25 THEM. AND THEY DO THIS WORK EVERY DAY. WE KNOW WE'RE NOT

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1 ALONE. AND WE WISH SOME OF THE WONDERFUL STORIES LIKE OURS  
2 WERE SHARED MORE OFTEN AND WE'RE BLESSED BY THREE WONDERFUL  
3 KIDS. AND IT'S JUST MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE FOR US. THANK  
4 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS TO  
7 MAKE TO TWO MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WHO WILL BE PARTING COMPANY  
8 WITH ME IN ABOUT 19 DAYS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOLANDA  
9 VALDEZ TO COME UP HERE. YOLANDA HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION  
10 SINCE APRIL OF 2009 AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MY CHIEF DEPUTY  
11 AS WELL AS TO MY JUSTICE DEPUTY IN OUR OFFICE. HAVING JOINED  
12 THE STAFF IN FEBRUARY OF 2002 WHEN SHE STARTED AS A SECRETARY  
13 IN OUR FRONT OFFICE AND AS SECRETARY TO DEPUTIES RESPONSIBLE  
14 FOR D.C.F.S., JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND MEDIA  
15 RELATIONS. PRIOR TO JOINING THE COUNTY FAMILY, SHE FIRMLY  
16 ESTABLISHED HERSELF IN A SERIES OF POSITIONS WITH COMMUNITY  
17 AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CHICANA ACTION  
18 SERVICE CENTER, MULTIASSET PERSONNEL AND CHARROW COMMUNITY  
19 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. SHE'S A DILIGENT, DETAIL-ORIENTED  
20 INDIVIDUAL WITH A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF SUPERIOR  
21 ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND CALM AND UNFLAPPABLE DEMEANOR THAT  
22 HAS SERVED WELL BOTH HER EMPLOYEES AND THE CLIENTS SHE HAS  
23 ASSISTED. I MIGHT ADD IT'S SERVED ME WELL, HER UNFLAPPABLE,  
24 CALM DEMEANOR. SHE COUNTS AS HER MOST PERSONALLY MEANINGFUL  
25 PROJECT ASSISTING OUR DEPUTY FLORA GILCHRISALOFF IN THE MENTAL

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1 HEALTH AREA AND HOMELESSNESS AREA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT 50, AN INNOVATIVE PILOT PROGRAM TO  
3 PROVIDE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL  
4 AND CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE MOSTLY AT RISK ON THE STREETS  
5 OF OUR COUNTY. A COMPLEX AND DEMANDING ASSIGNMENT THAT YOLANDA  
6 EXCELLED IN AND EARNED A REPUTATION NOT ONLY AS BEING  
7 EFFICIENT, ACCURATE AND CALM, PLEASANT, HELPFUL AND KIND, BUT  
8 OVERALL SMART AND GOT THE JOB DONE. SHE HAS EXPRESSED HER  
9 PRIDE IN HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH MY CHIEF DEPUTY  
10 ALISA BELLACOFF KATZ AND POLICY DEPUTIES JOSEPH CHARNEY, FLORA  
11 GILCHRISALOFF, WENDY AARON AND JOEL BELLMAN. A SENTIMENT  
12 RECIPROCATED IN THEIR GRATITUDE AND PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH  
13 SUCH A CONSCIENTIOUS, DEDICATED, SUPPORTIVE AND INSPIRING  
14 COLLEAGUE WHO EXEMPLIFIES THE IDEAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE. I CAN  
15 TELL YOU THAT FROM THE DAY YOLI CAME INTO OUR OFFICE IN 2002,  
16 IT WAS CLEAR TO ME AND I KNOW TO OTHERS IN THE OFFICE THAT SHE  
17 WAS DESTINED FOR A HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN OUR OFFICE  
18 AND CERTAINLY SHE HAS ACHIEVED THAT AND DONE THAT WITH  
19 INCREDIBLE GRACE AND INTELLECT. AS IT SAID IN THE RESOLUTION,  
20 ORGANIZATIONAL SKILL. SHE IS AN INCREDIBLY HARD WORKER. WORK  
21 ETHIC SECOND TO NONE. SHE WAS HERE YESTERDAY ON A HOLIDAY AT 9  
22 A.M. HELPING PACK AND MOVE BOXES OUT OF OUR OFFICE. I DIDN'T  
23 HAVE TO ASK HER TO DO. SHE VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT. AND IT WAS A  
24 GOD SEND BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU, I DON'T KNOW IF WE WOULD HAVE  
25 FOUND THE PLACE. SO YOU'RE TERRIFIC AND YOU'VE BEEN A PLEASURE

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1 TO WORK WITH. YOU'RE A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING, ASIDE FROM  
2 EVERYTHING ELSE, AS WE SAY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU'RE A  
3 MENSCH. THANK YOU, YOLI, FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE. I KNOW YOU  
4 HAVE A LONG CAREER AHEAD OF YOU HERE AT THE COUNTY AND I KNOW  
5 YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE EXCELLENT QUALITY SERVICE  
6 THAT YOU PROVIDED US TO YOUR NEXT EMPLOYER. CONGRATULATIONS.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] LIZ? HEY, LIZ? [LAUGHTER.] YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO  
8 SLEEP HAVING NIGHTMARES ABOUT ME SAYING "HEY LIZ, DID YOU DO  
9 THIS"? THIS IS REALLY A BITTERSWEET PROCLAMATION BECAUSE THIS  
10 YOUNG LADY, WHO IS STILL A YOUNG LADY, CAME TO MY OFFICE WHEN  
11 SHE WAS STILL A MINOR. SHE WAS 17 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE STARTED  
12 TO WORK FOR OUR OFFICE IN CITY HALL AS A RECEPTIONIST. I  
13 BELIEVE THAT'S WHERE YOU STARTED, AS A RECEPTIONIST. AND  
14 QUICKLY WORKED YOUR WAY UP. I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THE YEAR YOU  
15 BECAME MY SECRETARY, DO YOU REMEMBER?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** JANUARY 1993. JANUARY 1993. DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT TIME  
18 IT WAS? [LAUGHTER.] SO FOR 21 YEARS, ALMOST 22 YEARS, SHE HAS  
19 BEEN MY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AND I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO READ  
20 THIS. IT WILL BE SUPERFLUOUS TO READ IT. LET ME JUST SAY A FEW  
21 THINGS WILL LIZ RANGEL. WHEN SHE CAME INTO OUR OFFICE, I SAID  
22 YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING? WE'RE HIRING HIGH SCHOOL KIDS TO BE  
23 SECRETARIES? SHE HAD JUST COME OUT OF WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. THE  
24 GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOU WERE INCREDIBLY SMART. I BELIEVE, I'M  
25 NOT SURE WE EVER TESTED THIS ON YOU, BUT I BELIEVE YOU HAVE AS

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1 CLOSE TO A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, IF YOU DON'T HAVE A  
2 PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, AS ANYONE THAT I KNOW. I CAN SAY TO LIZ,  
3 "HEY, DO YOU REMEMBER THAT GUY WHO I MET WITH FOR LUNCH AT THE  
4 VELVET TURTLE IN 1994?" AND SHE'LL SAY "OH, YOU MEAN JOE  
5 SMITH?" "YEAH, THAT'S THE GUY." WITHOUT HAVING TO LOOK IT UP.  
6 IT'S AN INCREDIBLE THING. SHE KNOWS MORE ABOUT ME THAN ANY  
7 OTHER HUMAN BEING OR GROUP OF HUMAN BEINGS ON THE FACE OF THE  
8 EARTH. IN FACT, IT'S VERY SERIOUS ISSUE THAT YOU KNOW ALL  
9 THESE THINGS. SO YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT WE'VE EMBEDDED, I  
10 HAD MARSHA MAYEDA EMBED IN YOUR EAR LOBE A CHIP SO I CAN KEEP  
11 AN EYE ON WHERE YOU'RE GOING, WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU RETIRE.  
12 SHE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE TO ME, ASIDE FROM BEING MY  
13 SECRETARY, SHE ALSO OVERSEES THE SECRETARIAL CREW IN OUR  
14 OFFICE AND DOES A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS  
15 THAT WE NEED TO HAVE DONE. SHE'S JUST BEEN AN INCREDIBLE  
16 PARTNER TO ME AND TO THE WHOLE OFFICE IN HER WORK. SHE'S  
17 RETIRING ACTUALLY WITH HER HUSBAND WHO'S RETIRED FROM THE  
18 CITY. AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN. THEY DESERVE TO HAVE  
19 SOME FUN BECAUSE YOU WORKED REAL, REAL HARD, MORE THAN THE --  
20 IF YOU ADD UP ALL THE HOURS YOU WORKED, IT'S FAR MORE THAN THE  
21 YEARS YOU'RE GOING GET YOUR PENSION FOR. BUT I'M GOING TO MISS  
22 YOU VERY MUCH BECAUSE THE ONE NIGHTMARE I HAVE ABOUT LEAVING  
23 OFFICE, ONLY ONE, IS WHERE AM I GOING TO FIND PHONE NUMBERS,  
24 ADDRESSES OF MY FRIENDS? I'VE ALWAYS RELIED ON YOU TO GET ME  
25 MY BEST FRIENDS, I DON'T KNOW THEIR PHONE NUMBER. I'D SAY

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1 "LIZ, GET ME THE PHONE NUMBER." SO, IF MY FRIENDS DON'T GET  
2 CALLS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I'M WORKING TO  
3 AMALGAMATE ALL THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES INTO MY OWN LITTLE  
4 SYSTEM. YOU'VE BEEN AN INCREDIBLY PROFESSIONAL PERSON, LOYAL  
5 AS THE DAY IS LONG TO NOT JUST ME BUT TO OUR OFFICE AND TO OUR  
6 CONSTITUENTS. SHE'S THE PERSON WHO HAS TO SAY NO TO PEOPLE  
7 WHEN THEY SAY WE WANT ZEV TO BE HERE, WE WANT ZEV TO SPEAK  
8 THERE. WE ALL HAVE OUR LIZS IN OUR OFFICES. AND YOU'VE DONE IT  
9 WITH GRACE. I'VE NEVER HAD A COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU FROM ANYBODY.  
10 THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT ME BUT THEY DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT YOU. AND  
11 THAT'S THE MARK OF A GREAT EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. AND YOU'RE NOT  
12 REALLY AN ASSISTANT. YOU'RE A PARTNER. AND YOU'VE BEEN A  
13 CLASSIC PARTNER IN THAT REGARD TO ME. AND I CAN THINK OF A FEW  
14 PEOPLE THAT I'VE SEEN OVER MY LIFETIME WHO HAVE BEEN THAT KIND  
15 OF PARTNER TO THEIR BOSSES AND THEY REALLY AREN'T SUPERIOR  
16 SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS, THEY ARE PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS.  
17 AND YOURS AND MINE HAS BEEN JUST THAT. AND I REALLY WILL MISS  
18 WORKING WITH YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD, BUT I KNOW WE WILL BE IN  
19 TOUCH. AND I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE AND I KNOW YOUR PHONE NUMBER.  
20 [LAUGHTER.] BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.  
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ME AND OUR OFFICE AND TO THE  
22 PEOPLE OF THE CITY, AS WELL. AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS YOU DID  
23 WHICH I CAN'T EVEN -- I WOULDN'T DISCUSS WITHOUT YOUR  
24 PERMISSION. BUT AN INCREDIBLE, INCREDIBLE HUMAN BEING. SO,  
25 LIZ, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. AND I HOPE YOU AND MIKE HAVE A



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1 VERY RESTFUL AND HAPPY RETIREMENT. I KNOW YOU WILL.  
2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] IS MIKE HERE? I DIDN'T KNOW MIKE  
3 WAS HERE. BUT WHY WOULDN'T HE BE HERE? HE'S RETIRED. HE HAS  
4 NOTHING TO DO. [LAUGHTER.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HEY, ZEB, ONE THING I THINK YOU FORGOT  
7 TO MENTION ABOUT LIZ'S EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND, I MEAN YOU WENT  
8 ON AND ON, BUT SHE'S AN INCREDIBLY STRONG TROJAN FAN.  
9 [LAUGHTER.] SOMEHOW YOU OVERLOOKED THAT. OH, ISN'T THAT SCROLL  
10 CARDINAL AND GOLD?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY IT'S GOT OREGON COLORS IN IT. NO,  
13 BUT THAT'S A GOOD THING THAT SHE'S A TROJAN BECAUSE ALL OF  
14 THAT TROJAN PARAPHERNALIA THAT I'VE COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS,  
15 I HAD TO GIVE IT TO SOMEBODY. AND SHE'S THE ONE THAT'S GETTING  
16 IT ALL. SO WE DON'T HAVE TOO MANY TROJANS IN OUR -- THERE ARE  
17 A COUPLE THAT SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
18 LIZ. AND THANK YOU, YOLI, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO NOW ASK OUR  
22 SHERIFF, JOHN SCOTT, HIS WIFE ALICE TO COME JOIN ME ALONG WITH  
23 HIS FATHER, JOHN, AND COMMANDER MARK MCCORKLE. [APPLAUSE.]  
24 HAVE I GOT THAT ALL RIGHT? I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK UNDERSHERIFF  
25 NEAL TYLER TO JOIN US UP HERE. WE ARE TODAY GOING TO RECOGNIZE

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1 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THANK SHERIFF SCOTT FOR HIS DEDICATED  
2 SERVICE DURING HIS TENURE OF SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
3 HE'S DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.  
4 WHEN HE WAS SWORN IN, HE SAID HE WOULD HIT THE GROUND RUNNING,  
5 WHICH HE DID. AS I MENTIONED UPSTAIRS TO STAFF AND TO OTHERS  
6 IN THE NIGHT THAT SHERIFF MCDONNELL WAS ELECTED, HE AND HIS  
7 STAFF HAVE PROBABLY SAVED SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL ABOUT A YEAR  
8 WORTH OF WORK TO GET IT GOING TO GET IT BACK TO THE INCREDIBLE  
9 ORGANIZATION AND OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION THAT OUR LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS. BUT SHERIFF SCOTT BEGAN HIS  
11 CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ACTUALLY, BACK IN 1969.  
12 AND DURING THAT TENURE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HE  
13 SERVED VARIOUS STATIONS INCLUDING LAKEWOOD, FIRESTONE. HE  
14 WORKED AS A DETECTIVE SERGEANT, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU,  
15 HE'S A MEMBER OF THE SWAT TEAM. HE WAS A LEADER AND TRAINING  
16 SERGEANT, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU. HE ALSO WAS A VERY  
17 ACTIVE PART AND WORKED THE INTEGRATED PLANNING GROUP FOR THE  
18 1984 OLYMPICS. SHERIFF SCOTT PROMOTED LIEUTENANT IN 1984,  
19 TRANSFERRED TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WHERE HE WORKED AS WATCH  
20 COMMANDER AND TRAINING LIEUTENANT. HE WENT TO WORK ONCE HE  
21 BECAME LIEUTENANT TO THE CARSON STATION AS A WATCH COMMANDER,  
22 TRAINING LIEUTENANT AND OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT. HE ALSO WORKED  
23 IN FIELD OPERATIONS REGION 2 HEADQUARTERS AS CHIEF OF STAFF  
24 AND THE L.A. COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DURING  
25 THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE. BEEN PART OF THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

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1 BUREAU, FOLLOWED BY AN AID TO THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT  
2 SHERIFF. SO HE GOES ON AND ON. SO HE'S PROMOTED OUT AND WENT  
3 UP TO THE CARSON STATION AS UNIT COMMANDER. IN 2001 HE WAS  
4 PROMOTED TO COMMANDER AND TRANSFERRED TO NORTH CUSTODY AS WELL  
5 AS SOUTH CUSTODY. IN 2002 PROMOTED TO CHIEF AND REMAINED IN  
6 THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2005. HE HAS  
7 SERVED AS THE UNDERSHERIFF OF ORANGE COUNTY FROM 2008 UNTIL  
8 HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN  
9 JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. HE WILL BE RETURNING TO ORANGE COUNTY  
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT WAS PART OF OUR DEAL, RIGHT? WITH  
11 THE SHERIFF DOWN THERE. SHE SAID "I WANT HIM BACK." AND HE'S  
12 HEADED BACK TO ORANGE COUNTY. SO DURING HIS TENURE, THE  
13 SHERIFF HAS MADE MORE THAN 120 MAJOR REFORMS IN THE  
14 DEPARTMENT. THESE REFORMS HAVE RANGED FROM REWRITING THE  
15 DEPARTMENT'S CORE VALUES TO THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE  
16 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVES. HE HAS CREATED THE SAFE INITIATIVE,  
17 WHICH IS A DEPARTMENT-WIDE ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM AND HAS  
18 FORMED A POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY  
19 BOARD OFFICES AND THE C.E.O. SHERIFF SCOTT, I MEAN, THIS IS A  
20 LOT OF READING AND A LOT OF HISTORY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY WE  
21 AS A BOARD AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT COUNTY  
22 REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE EFFORT AND  
23 COMMITMENT THAT YOU PUT INTO A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AS  
24 THE INTERIM SHERIFF HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESTORING THE  
25 FAITH AND CREDIBILITY TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE GREATEST

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SO WE'RE  
2 PROUD OF YOU. ALICE, WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE FOR LOANING  
3 HIM FOR 11 MONTHS. AS THEY SAY, "WELCOME BACK, KOTTER." RIGHT?  
4 BUT SHERIFF SCOTT WE WANT THE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
5 SERVICE AND CONGRATULATE YOU AND WISH YOU THE BEST DOWN THERE  
6 IN ORANGE COUNTY. I KNOW YOU KNOW ZEV'S PHONE NUMBERS BECAUSE  
7 HE DOESN'T KNOW YOURS. BUT WE WANT YOU TO STAY IN TOUCH. THANK  
8 YOU VERY MUCH FOR A JOB WELL DONE. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I SAY A WORD? FIRST OF ALL  
11 I WANT TO THANK YOU, DON, FOR TAKING HIS CALL OREGON AND  
12 KNOWLEDGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CALL BACK A YEAR AGO AND PUTTING  
13 ALL THIS IN MOTION. I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW JOHN THAT WELL WHEN  
14 YOU CALLED IT TO OUR ATTENTION BUT THANKS TO YOU AND JOHN ALL  
15 OF US GOT TO MEET YOU AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER AND TALK THROUGH  
16 THINGS. AND I THOUGHT HE HAD THE RIGHT ATTITUDE ABOUT COMING  
17 IN HERE AND NOT BEING THE CARETAKER, PUTTING THINGS AS RIGHT  
18 AS THEY COULD BE AND TEEING THEM FOR THE NEW PERMANENT  
19 SHERIFF. I THINK YOU'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I WANTED TO  
20 TELL YOU HOW MUCH I AND MY STAFF APPRECIATE THE  
21 PROFESSIONALISM WITH WHICH YOU OPERATED, THE QUICKNESS, THE  
22 DISPATCH, A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT YOU HAD. IT'S BEEN A  
23 PLEASURE TO WATCH YOU OPERATE. AND IT'S BEEN ALL GOOD. SO I  
24 THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS ADJUSTMENT. IT DIDN'T COME WITHOUT  
25 SOME SACRIFICE TO YOU, WE ALL KNOW THAT, TO COME IN HERE AND

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1 DO WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AS YOU  
2 GO BACK TO -- I ASSUME YOU'RE GOING BACK TO ORANGE COUNTY. IF  
3 YOU DON'T, THE SHERIFFS DOWN THERE HAS A CONTRACT OUT ON US.  
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOHN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME ALSO CONGRATULATE JOHN  
7 FOR A SUPERB JOB, NOT JUST WORKING OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
8 IN MONTERREY PARK BUT THROUGH ALL OF OUR SUBSTATIONS AND THE  
9 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE AND ABOUT HALF OF THE  
10 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
11 DEPARTMENT. FROM EVEN THE SERVICES THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING, THE  
12 M.T.A., THAT HAS BEEN UPGRADED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP,  
13 INTEGRITY AND YOUR SELECTION OF UNDERLINGS WHO HAVE BEEN  
14 ASSISTING YOU IN THIS. SO INTEGRITY HAS MOVED FORWARD. AND WE  
15 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW SHERIFF, JIM MCDONNELL,  
16 BEGINNING NEXT MONTH, CARRYING ON THAT TRADITION. WE JUST WANT  
17 TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEGRITY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
22 COLLEAGUES. SHERIFF SCOTT, I DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF PREVIOUS  
23 KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE OF YOUR WORK HERE IN THE COUNTY. I  
24 DIDN'T HAVE A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THE VETTING. THE  
25 DECISION WAS MADE TO SELECT SOMEONE WHO HAD A LOT OF

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1 EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT AT AN EARLIER POINT  
2 IN HIS CAREER. AND YOU PROVED TO BE FOCUSED, APPROPRIATELY  
3 HUMBLE, PROFESSIONAL AND RESPONSIVE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S  
4 A LOT MORE THAT COULD BE ASKED OF YOU AND THE RESULTS SHOW. SO  
5 FOR ME, I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR TENURE AS THE INTERIM SHERIFF  
6 AND WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL DO A COUPLE GROUP  
9 PHOTOS. BUT FIRST OF ALL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SHERIFF JOHN  
10 SCOTT. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SHERIFF JOHN SCOTT:** THANK YOU, AT EASE. THIS HAS BEEN TRULY AN  
13 HONOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE 10  
14 MILLION PLUS THAT LIVE HERE. AND THE 18,000 MEMBERS OF THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO I'D LIKE TO CALL OUT A  
16 FEW THANK YOUS. AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH MY WIFE, ALICE,  
17 RETIRED CAPTAIN FROM L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF. [APPLAUSE.] SHE HAS  
18 BEEN MY ROCK. SHE IS MY LIFE'S PARTNER. AND SHE, UM, HAS BOTH  
19 ASSISTED AND SACRIFICED THESE LAST MONTHS GETTING ME THROUGH  
20 AND KEEPING ME FOCUSED. ALSO WITH ME TODAY IS MY DAD, 89.  
21 HE'LL BE 90 THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE.] HE'S SUPPORTED  
22 ME THE LONGEST. [LAUGHTER.] AND HE'S GIVEN ME THE CORE VALUES  
23 THAT HAVE ASSISTED ME IN MAKING ALL OF THIS HAPPEN. I ALSO  
24 HAVE NEAL TYLER, MY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MY RIGHT HAND MAN, MY  
25 RADIO CAR PARTNER. [APPLAUSE.] HE'S BEEN WITH ME EVERY STEP OF



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1 THE WAY FROM THE SWEARING IN RIGHT ON THROUGH TO THIS MOMENT,  
2 WORKING COUNTLESS HOURS, AND ENSURING THAT EVERYTHING THAT I  
3 WAS SEEKING WAS PUT INTO PLACE. SO THANK YOU. ALSO WITH ME  
4 TODAY IS NOT ONLY MY CHIEF OF STAFF MARK MCCORKLE BUT MY GOOD  
5 FRIEND. WE GO BACK TO MY DAYS WHEN I WAS CHIEF OF CUSTODY  
6 OPERATIONS AND HE WAS MY AID. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE  
7 DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITY THAT IS ENDLESS AND ENSURING THAT  
8 EVERYTHING OCCURRED ON TIME AND APPROPRIATELY. SO THANK YOU.  
9 [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR KNABE, EACH  
10 OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY FOR SELECTING ME. IT WAS A GREAT  
11 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE. BUT VERY  
12 REWARDING. AS YOU MENTIONED, 120 REFORMS IN THE TIME THAT  
13 WE'VE BEEN HERE ABOUT 10 MONTHS NOW. AND THAT HAS OPENED THE  
14 WAY FOR THE NEW SHERIFF AND WILL ALLOW HIM TO FOCUS ON THE  
15 IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SERVICING  
16 THE PUBLIC HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WISH HIM WELL.  
17 I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T IDENTIFY THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE, IF  
18 YOU COULD NOW STAND AGAIN, JUST A FEW OF THE 18,000 THAT HAVE  
19 BEEN SO INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THE TRANSITION THAT TOOK PLACE,  
20 IMPLEMENTING ALL THE REFORM, ENSURING THAT ACCOUNTABILITY WAS  
21 TAKING PLACE AT ALL LEVELS, AND JUST BEING VERY DEDICATED  
22 EMPLOYEES. I'M SO VERY PROUD OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND SOMEWHERE  
23 IN THE AUDIENCE IS MY SECRETARY JULIE, ARE YOU THERE? JULIE?  
24 SHE'S PROBABLY DOING PAPERWORK. OKAY. LIKE ZEV, JULIE HAS BEEN  
25 INCREDIBLE, HANDLING ALL OF THE MANY, MANY CALLS AND

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1 SCHEDULING ALL THE MANY, MANY ACTIVITIES THAT I'VE BEEN  
2 INVOLVED WITH OVER THE MONTHS. AND I WANT TO THANK HER  
3 PERSONALLY. AND THEN BILL FUJIOKA. HE'S BEEN MY PARTNER  
4 THROUGHOUT THIS, HELPED ME THROUGH SOME DIFFICULT FINANCIAL  
5 PERIODS AND WAS ABLE TO GARNER SOME SUPPORT FOR SOME OF THE  
6 NEEDED ACTIVITIES THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PUT INTO PLACE. SO  
7 THANK YOU, BILL, AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR RETIREMENT. AND I KNOW  
8 THAT JACKIE LACEY HERE SOMEWHERE BECAUSE SHE HAS A  
9 PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. SO I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
10 HER. SHE, TOO, HAS BEEN MY PARTNER, WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH  
11 HER IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND TO ALL OF THE MANY,  
12 MANY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE COUNTY FAMILY AND  
13 THOSE INDEPENDENT CITIES THAT WE REPRESENT, THANK YOU VERY  
14 MUCH. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU AGAIN, SHERIFF  
17 SCOTT. WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE AND LOOK  
18 FORWARD TO, AS WELL, WORKING WITH THE NEW SHERIFF, SHERIFF JIM  
19 MCDONNELL. THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD A TEAM WHO  
20 ORGANIZED AND LED THIS YEAR'S THIRD ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT  
21 CONFERENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING. OVER THE  
22 LAST THREE YEARS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE  
23 JOB OF RAISING THE AWARENESS OF THIS HORRIFIC CRIME OF SEXUAL  
24 EXPLOITATION FOR PROFIT. RECENTLY, WE BEGAN TESTING A SET OF  
25 PROTOCOLS FOR HOW OUR DEPARTMENTS WILL INTERACT WITH LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT TO ENSURE THAT THESE VICTIMS ARE BROUGHT TO SAFETY  
2 AND PROVIDED THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO GET  
3 OUT OF THIS HORRIFIC LIFE. THEY HAVE LIVED LITERALLY, I TELL  
4 YOU THEY'RE MY HEROES, HAVE LIVED A LIFE AND LIVED THROUGH THE  
5 LIFE OF HELL. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT EFFORT THE COUNTY HAS  
6 LAUNCHED IS AN ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE. THIS IS AN  
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG VICTIMS AND THOSE WHO ARE MOST AT  
8 RISK TO GET AWAY TO SAY SAFE PLACE WITH OTHER SURVIVORS,  
9 ADVOCATES, PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. STAFF. THE GIRLS PARTICIPATE  
10 IN WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO HELP THEM MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR  
11 LIVES. THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND EXPRESS  
12 THEIR LIVES THROUGH SPOKEN WORD, DANCE AND ART, LIKE THE  
13 BEAUTIFUL PIECE YOU SEE BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY. TODAY, WE WOULD  
14 LIKE TO ESPECIALLY HONOR THOSE YOUNG LADIES WHO BEGAN AS  
15 CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS; BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR AMAZING COURAGE  
16 AND RESILIENCE HAVE BECOME YOUTH AMBASSADORS. THEY NOW HELP  
17 ORGANIZE THE CONFERENCE. THEY ASSUME A LEADERSHIP ROLE  
18 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EVENT. WE HAVE THREE OF THIS YEAR'S  
19 YOUTH AMBASSADORS WITH US TODAY. IF I COULD ASK TWO OF THEM  
20 ARE IN THE AUDIENCE TO STAND. I'D LIKE TWO OF THEM TO STAND.  
21 GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEY'RE BOTH  
22 HUGGERS, TOO. [LAUGHTER.] NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK ONE OF THESE  
23 AMAZING YOUNG WOMEN, MY HEROES, KIESHA, TO SAY A FEW WORDS?  
24 KIESHA? [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **KIESHA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
2 ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
3 FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S THIRD ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT  
4 CONFERENCE. THIS EVENT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOUNG GIRLS LIKE  
5 ME. I WAS A VICTIM OF ABUSE AS A CHILD AT THE AGE OF 13. I WAS  
6 MANIPULATED INTO THE WORLD OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. I WAS  
7 TRAFFICKED TO SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND MANY OTHER PLACES.  
8 BUT MOST OF MY EXPLOITATION WAS HERE ON FIGUEROA AND WESTERN,  
9 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD AND ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY. FINALLY I WAS  
10 ABLE TO ESCAPE. FOR MY SAFETY I SPENT NINE MONTHS IN THE STATE  
11 OF IOWA, SORRY, BUILDING A NEW LIFE. I WILL GRADUATE HIGH  
12 SCHOOL IN JUNE AND PLAN TO ATTEND EL CAMINO COLLEGE IN THE  
13 FALL TO STUDY COSMETOLOGY AND BUSINESS. I HOPE TO OPEN MY OWN  
14 BUSINESS SOME DAY. I HAVE ATTENDED ALL THREE EMPOWERMENT  
15 CONFERENCES, TWICE AS A YOUTH AMBASSADOR. IT IS A CHANCE FOR  
16 YOUNG WOMEN LIKE ME TO UNDERSTAND OUR PAST DOESN'T DEFINE OUR  
17 FUTURE. GOING BACK TO THAT LIFE IS NOT AN OPTION. ON BEHALF OF  
18 OUR OTHER YOUTH AMBASSADORS AND ALL THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO  
19 ATTENDED THIS WEEKEND, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CREATED  
20 AND SUPPORTED THE EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE. IT IS AN INSPIRING  
21 AND MOTIVATING EVENT WHICH HELPS SURVIVORS TO FACE FORWARD,  
22 SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR OURSELVES AND MOVE ON TO A PATH OF  
23 ACHIEVING THE DREAMS THAT WE DESIRE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THESE INCREDIBLE AMBASSADORS, BUT MORE  
2 IMPORTANTLY THEY ARE NOW MENTORS IN SHARING WITH EVERYONE.  
3 IT'S SO HORRIFIC. IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST HORRIFIC  
4 CRIMES THAT I'VE HEARD OF OR BEEN A PART OF SINCE I'VE BEEN IN  
5 ELECTED OFFICE. AND THESE YOUNG GIRLS ARE AMAZING. THEIR  
6 COURAGE, THEIR ABILITY TO FIGHT BACK THIS LIFE OF HELL. AND  
7 LIKE I TOLD THEM BEFORE, YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL, NOW YOU'RE  
8 ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN AND THEY'VE JUST DONE -- WE'RE SO PROUD  
9 OF YOU. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. TO THE TEAM. THANK YOU FOR THIS  
10 WONDERFUL CONFERENCE. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12  
13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION ARE REALLY WORKING  
14 TOGETHER ON THIS. BUT IT WOULDN'T BE WITHOUT THE EFFORTS OF  
15 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. HE'S RECOGNIZED NOT ONLY IN CONGRESS BUT  
16 NATIONWIDE AS BEING A LEADER IN THIS EFFORT. AND WITHOUT HE  
17 AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE WOULD NOT BE TOGETHER  
18 TODAY. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU PARTICULARLY TO THE CHAIR  
19 FOR ALL THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT HE HAS PUT INTO THIS EFFORT.  
20 THIS IS A FANTASTIC GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS BACK HERE. AND OUR  
21 DEPARTMENT, D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION ARE WORKING TOGETHER LIKE  
22 WE'VE NEVER WORKED BEFORE. SO, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU VERY  
23 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **JERRY POWERS:** I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR AND ALL  
2 THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THIS IS CERTAINLY AN  
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND, FRANKLY,  
4 NATIONALLY. IF YOU EVER WANT TO BE INSPIRED, IF YOU WANT TO  
5 TRULY FIND OUT WHAT THESE YOUNG LADIES HAVE SURVIVED, GO TO  
6 THIS CONFERENCE. I PROMISE YOU, YOU WILL BE STUNNED, YOU WILL  
7 BE AWED AND YOU WILL BE INSPIRED. CERTAINLY I WANT TO THANK  
8 MICHELLE FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR BEING THE POINT  
9 PERSON FOR ALL OF THE PROBATION ACTIVITIES. BUT MOST  
10 IMPORTANTLY I WANT TO THANK THE SURVIVORS WHO COME TO THIS  
11 CONFERENCE AND MAKE IT EVERYTHING THAT IT IS. AND THANK YOU TO  
12 THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT. [APPLAUSE.]

13  
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT COULD BE IN THE COUNTY  
15 MUSEUM OF ART SOME DAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. GIVE THEM A BIG  
16 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING ASK BILL FUJIOKA TO  
17 JOIN ME AND OUR CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
18 DIRECTOR MR. MATT GATE TO HELP PRESENT THE 2014 C.S.A.C.  
19 AWARDS AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL CHALLENGE AWARDS COMPETITION.  
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY  
21 RECIPIENTS OF C.S.A.C.'S CHALLENGE AWARD THAT HONORS  
22 INNOVATION AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THIS YEAR MORE ENTRIES WERE  
23 RECEIVED AND EVALUATED BY AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF JUDGES WITH  
24 EXPERTISE IN COUNTY PROGRAMS. MY BOARD COLLEAGUES AND I ARE  
25 EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT HAD TWO COUNTY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS



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1 ARE RECOGNIZED TODAY. ADDITIONALLY OUR CHALLENGE AWARD WINNER  
2 WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A SERIES OF VIDEOS THAT C.S.A.C. WILL  
3 SHOWCASE FOR THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH. THESE EFFECTIVE AND  
4 CREATIVE PROGRAMS ENHANCE OUR COUNTY IMAGE AND ALLOW US TO  
5 SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTIES ACROSS THE  
6 NATION. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR  
7 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. NOW, I WANT TO ASK THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT  
8 TO JOIN ME ON STAGE TO RECEIVE THEIR 2014 C.S.A.C. MERIT  
9 AWARD. FIRST OF ALL, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THE MILEAGE  
10 AUTHORIZATION REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, BETTER KNOWN AS MARS,  
11 ACCEPTING AWARD JOHN NEMO AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, DAVIS PROJECT  
12 MANAGER, TEAM MEMBERS JOHN NEAL, JOHN HALLISON AND SCOTT  
13 HARVEY AND DAN LEADS AND JIM JONES, I.S.D. AND CAROL KAY FROM  
14 THE D.P.S.S. SO CHERYL SPILLER AND MIKE SYLVESTER. IS THAT IT?  
15 THANK YOU, WELCOME, MATT. ALL RIGHT. NOW I'M GOING TO -- THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS BEING RECOGNIZED. AND THIS IS A  
17 CHALLENGE AWARD WINNER. FOR THEIR CARE CLINIC INNOVATION, LONG  
18 BEACH MENTAL HEALTH. [APPLAUSE.] ACCEPTING THE AWARD ARE ROBIN  
19 KAY CHIEF DEPUTY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AMELIA RAMOS PROJECT  
20 MANAGER. AND THEY'RE ALL UP HERE? LET'S GIVE BOTH DEPARTMENTS  
21 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] NOW I'M GOING TO ASK MR.  
22 MATT GATE TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION, AS WELL. IT'S ALL  
23 YOURS, MATT.

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1 **MATT GATE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. JUST AS  
2 TO THESE TWO AWARDS, THERE WERE OVER 200 APPLICANTS FOR THE  
3 CHALLENGE AND MERIT AWARDS. ONLY 11 WERE PRESENTED, SO YOU  
4 SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR GREAT  
5 WORK. I WANT TO JUST SAY A SPECIAL WORD FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH  
6 CARE THAT'S BEING PROVIDED IN YOUR DISTRICT, MR. CHAIR,  
7 THROUGH THE LONG BEACH CARE CENTER. IT'S A GREAT EXAMPLE TO  
8 CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS EVERYWHERE. I KNOW A  
9 LOT OF OTHER COUNTIES ARE FOLLOWING YOUR EXAMPLE. I WANT TO  
10 TAKE A MINUTE, THOUGH TO GIVE ONE OTHER AWARD. AS MANY OF YOU  
11 KNOW, ALL OF YOU KNOW, OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE BILL FUJIOKA  
12 WILL BE RETIRING. OF COURSE THE STORY IS WELL KNOWN FROM BOYLE  
13 HEIGHTS, THROUGH TO AN ANALYST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND NOW THE  
14 NUMBER 1 COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN THE ENTIRE NATION. I WAS AT HIS  
15 RETIREMENT PARTY AND IT WAS OBVIOUS HE'S GARNERED THE RESPECT  
16 BOTH FROM HIS BOSSES AND FROM HIS DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO WORK  
17 FOR HIM AND THAT'S A RARE COMBINATION. BUT THIS AWARD TODAY IS  
18 BEING PRESENTED BY C.S.A.C. AS THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES NOT  
19 JUST FOR WHAT BILL HAS DONE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT WHAT HE'S  
20 DONE THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT  
21 BILL'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL AND HIS COLLEAGUES THINK A LOT OF  
22 HIM THROUGHOUT THE STATE. HE'S A MAJOR PLAYER IN SACRAMENTO,  
23 ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT  
24 CALIFORNIA. BOTH RECENTLY IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT  
25 IMPLEMENTATION NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE DIVISION OF A BILLION

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1 DOLLARS ANNUALLY FROM THE STATE FOR A.B.109 PUBLIC SAFETY RE-  
2 ALIGNMENT, WHICH IS STILL NOT ENOUGH. BUT IN THOSE MEETINGS,  
3 IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY FOR BILL TO BE A BIG-TIME GUY, TO PUSH  
4 PEOPLE AROUND, BUT HE SAT WITH EIGHT OR COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING  
5 THREE RURAL SUPERVISORS WHO BILL HAS MORE EMPLOYEES THAN THEY  
6 HAVE TOTAL POPULATION, BUT HE TREATED THEM WITH RESPECT. AND  
7 AT THE END OF THE DAY, EVEN THOUGH BILL PROBABLY GOT  
8 EVERYTHING L.A. HAD COMING AND A LITTLE MORE, HE LEFT THEM  
9 FEELING HONORED AND RESPECTED. AND SO ON BEHALF OF THE  
10 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ALL OF CALIFORNIA'S SUPERVISORS AND  
11 YOUR FELLOW, C.A.O.S AND C.E.O.S, WE'RE PRESENT WILLIAM  
12 FUJIOKA WITH THE 2014 C.S.A.C. CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS, BILL. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

16  
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MEMBERS, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
18 RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HIS FAITH,  
19 TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE WORLD WHO HAS BEEN AN OBSERVER AT  
20 MANY OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN  
21 PLACE IN THE 20TH CENTURY AND NOW WE'RE IN THE 21ST CENTURY  
22 AND THAT'S MONSIGNOR FELIX DIOMARTICH. WHO IS CELEBRATING HIS  
23 100TH BIRTHDAY. 100 YEARS OLD. [APPLAUSE.] HE WAS BORN ON  
24 NOVEMBER 2ND, 1914 ON A SMALL ISLAND OFF THE DALMATION COAST  
25 OF CROATIA. THAT'S WHERE HE ATTENDED ELEMENTARY AND HIGH

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1 SCHOOL. HE GRADUATED FROM THE THEOLOGICAL WHERE HE STUDIED  
2 THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY AND RECEIVED HIS ORDINATION IN, 1937.  
3 HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS A CHURCH. BUT THEN IN 1939 HE MOVED  
4 TO THE VATICAN AND ATTENDED THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE OF ST.  
5 JEROME WHERE HE EARNED HIS DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY AND CHURCH  
6 LAW. BUT DURING THAT TIME DURING WORLD WAR II, HE OBSERVED  
7 SOME VERY HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE. ONE OF THOSE  
8 WAS MADE INTO MOTION PICTURE WHICH GREGORY PECK STARTED IN, I  
9 THINK IT WAS "THE RED AND THE BLACK", WHERE I BELIEVE IT WAS  
10 FATHER GRADY FROM IRELAND WHO WAS A PRIEST THERE WOULD TAKE  
11 ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF DISGUISES TO GO OUTSIDE THE VATICAN AND  
12 RESCUE THE FLYERS WHO WERE SHOT DOWN BY THE GERMANS AND PUT  
13 THEM IN SAFE HOUSES. THE NAZI COLONEL IN CHARGE TRIED EVERY  
14 TYPE OF TRICK TO FIND THIS PERSON SO THEY COULD EXECUTE HIM,  
15 BUT AS YOU KNOW, THE VATICAN IS A SEPARATE STATE, SO THEY HAD  
16 CIRCLE AROUND THAT, THAT THAT WAS A SEPARATE, SOVEREIGN  
17 NATION, AND THEY COULD NOT -- GERMANS COULD NOT VIOLATE THAT  
18 ONE BOUNDARY, BUT THEY WOULD POST THEIR GUARDS AROUND THERE  
19 WATCHING. AND GREGORY PECK, THE MOVIE IT WAS A GREAT MOVIE, IF  
20 YOU GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IT. BUT ALSO AT THAT TIME  
21 BECAUSE OF THE OPPRESSION AGAINST THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN  
22 ROME, THE COMMANDER SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE KILLINGS THAT  
23 WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE GUERRILLA WARFARE, THAT THEY WERE  
24 GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THE WEIGHT IN GOLD FROM THE JEWISH  
25 COMMUNITY AND IF NOT, THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ALL THE JEWS IN

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1 ROME. RABBI ZOLI, WHO WAS THE CHIEF RABBI FOR ROME, DID NOT  
2 HAVE ENOUGH GOLD. THE POPE GAVE THEM THE NECESSARY GOLD TO  
3 SAVE ALL THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. AFTER THE WAR THE CHIEF RABBI  
4 AND HIS FAMILY BECAME CATHOLIC, BECAME CHRISTIAN AND MONSIGNOR  
5 WAS THERE FOR THE BAPTISM BY THE POPE AND KNEW THESE  
6 INDIVIDUALS. SO HE'S A LIVING TESTIMONY OF WHAT HAS TAKEN  
7 PLACE FROM THAT AREA. BUT THE PRIESTS AFTER THAT WAR THAT  
8 COLONEL WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR HIS WAR CRIMES  
9 VISITED THAT GERMAN COLONEL WEEKLY, MONTHLY. AND BEFORE THAT  
10 GERMAN COLONEL PASSED ON, HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN AND WAS  
11 BAPTIZED BY THAT PRIEST WHO THEN LATER WENT BACK IRELAND. AND  
12 HIS BIOGRAPHY IS AN INTERESTING AND WONDERFUL BOOK TO READ AS  
13 WELL. IN 1950 MONSIGNOR DIOMARTICH CAME TO LOS ANGELES COUNY  
14 WHERE HE HAS BEEN SERVING THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST  
15 64 YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE AT ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CATHOLIC  
16 CHURCH WHICH IS RIGHT UP THE STREET ON GRAND, HE FOUNDED THE  
17 ST. ANTHONY WOMEN'S GUILD, THE ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL PICNIC  
18 FESTIVAL WHICH HAS REMAINED THE LARGEST ASSEMBLY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY CROATIANS AND THE FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY FOR  
20 THE PAST 63 YEARS. HE HAS SERVED THE ARCHDIOCESE AND IN 1978  
21 POPE PAUL VI NAMED HIM WITH THE TITLE OF MONSIGNOR. IN 2008,  
22 THE CROATIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATIOND AWARDED HIM A LIFETIME  
23 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. AND TODAY THE NEW PRIEST AT ST. ANTHONY'S  
24 IS FATHER DR. GOREN YOVISHI WHO IS HERE BEHIND ME. BUT  
25 MONSIGNOR DIOMARTICH HAS A VERY ABLE FRIEND WHO HAS TAKEN HIM

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1 ALL OVER THIS WONDERFUL COUNTY FOR VARIOUS EVENTS AND THAT IS  
2 NIKO BUMBACK WHO IS HERE AND WE APPRECIATE HIS DEDICATION. BUT  
3 AGAIN, IT'S A REAL HONOR TO GIVE MONSIGNOR DIOMARTICH THIS  
4 PROCLAMATION. AND AS I TOLD HIM IN THE ST. ANTHONY'S LAST WEEK  
5 WHEN THEY HAD AY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION "WE HAVE A BIGGER SCROLL  
6 FOR HIS 200TH ANNIVERSARY" WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE  
7 HERE BUT BECAUSE OF TERM LIMITS I WON'T BE HERE, BUT I'M GOING  
8 TO EAT THE GOOD CROATIAN COOPIS AND BROCCOLI AND LAMB SO THAT  
9 I'LL BE ABLE TO BE HERE FOR THAT 200TH ANNIVERSARY. BUT HERE,  
10 MONSIGNOR. GOD BLESS YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **MONSIGNOR DIOMARTICH:** HONORARY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM VERY  
13 GRATEFUL TO YOU TO BE HERE. OF COURSE, I'M NOT GOING TO  
14 ANALYZE EVERY WORD YOU SAID, BUT WE'LL LET IT GO THAT WAY.  
15 THAT'S TRUE. I WAS IN ROME DURING THE WAR AND I HAVE SEEN MANY  
16 THINGS THE CHURCH DID TO HELP THE PERSECUTED JEWISH PEOPLE.  
17 BUT ALSO I HAVE BEEN IN NEW YORK FOR THREE YEARS. YOU SKIP  
18 THAT. AND SINCE 1950, I HAVE BEEN WHERE WE ARE NOW AND WHERE  
19 THE MUSIC CENTER IS I AM STILL CALLED TO SEE THE SICK PEOPLE  
20 BECAUSE THERE WERE STILL OLD APARTMENTS THERE. SO IN MY 50, 60  
21 YEARS HERE, EVERYTHING HERE IS CHANGED AND THAT LET ME LIVE A  
22 LONG WAY. I AM GLAD THAT IT IS BEAUTIFUL, CHANGING ON THIS  
23 SIDE OF FREEWAY AND THAT SIDE OF FREEWAY. ON THAT SIDE OF  
24 FREEWAY IS ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CHURCH, THE BEAUTIFUL  
25 CENTER, PARKING, HALL AND THE CHURCH IS THE SAME THAT WAS

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1 BUILT IN 1910. IT IS A LITTLE BIT OLDER THAN I AM. NOT MUCH.  
2 SO THIS WAY WE STRIVE WORK, PEOPLE BEFORE ME, WITH ME AND  
3 AFTER ME WILL CONTINUE TO INTRODUCE AND TO CARE FOR CROATIAN  
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW SCATTERED ALL OVER LOS ANGELES. THIS HONOR  
5 GOES TO THEM, THOSE BEFORE US AND THOSE AFTER US. I AM VERY  
6 GRATEFUL TO THEM. THEY HELPED ME. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU TO  
7 RECOGNIZE THIS BECAUSE THE CROATIAN HANDS HAD A LOT TO DO WITH  
8 THE SERVING UNDERGROUND LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY AND THE AREA.  
9 SO MANY OF THEM AS YOU KNOW THAT WELL, DID SO MUCH. GOD BLESS  
10 THEM. AND I'M GLAD TO BE HERE TO IN THEIR NAME TO ACCEPT THIS  
11 PRIEST AND THE PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
12 GREATNESS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CITY. I AM VERY GRATEFUL  
13 ONCE MORE FOR YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. AND I SAY NOW LORD, LET  
14 YOUR SERVANT GO. THIS IS THE END OF THE ROAD. OUR WESTERN  
15 FILMS, THE HERO ALWAYS RIDES TO THE WEST TO DISAPPEAR. WELL, I  
16 DON'T RIDE, BUT I LIVE NOW IN WEST AND I WILL DISAPPEAR. AND  
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOING TO HAVE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY UNDERWATER UNIT. THE FIRST RECREATIONAL SCUBA  
21 RE-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM THAT IS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 PARKS AND RECREATIONS. SO WE JUST DID THE HEAVENS, NOW WE'RE  
23 DOING THE UNDERWATER. SINCE 1954 THE PROGRAM HAS TRAINED MORE  
24 THAN 250,000 DIVERS, A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE. THEY OFFER  
25 PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE JUNIOR FROGMAN, AIR SNORKELING FOR



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1 YOUTH, ADVANCED DIVER PROGRAM AND UNDERWATER INSTRUCTION  
2 CERTIFICATION. AND AGAIN, 250,000. THEY'D BE THE THIRD LARGEST  
3 CITY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IF THAT WAS A SEPARATE CITY.  
4 SO TODAY WE HAVE RUSS GUINEY WHO IS THE DIRECTER OF PARKS AND  
5 RECREATION ALONG WITH LORI BENNET, SUPERINTENDENT OF CASTAIC  
6 LAKE WHO PARTICIPATED WITH RUSS AND JOHN AND OUR TRAIL RIDES  
7 WE HAVE TWICE A YEAR IN THE COUNTY. AND GARY HYDE, THE SENIOR  
8 LIFE GUARD OF CASTAIC LAKE. AND FROM THE COUNTY FIRE WE HAVE  
9 DOUGLAS, CAPTAIN DOUGLAS, DANNY DOUGLAS, DIVER OFFICER AND  
10 RETIRED CHIEF MICKEY GALLAGHER WHO IS A DIVE OFFICER. AND FROM  
11 THE LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT GONZALO MEDINA, MARINE SAFETY  
12 CAPTAIN AND OMAR NARONHO, DIVE OFFICER AND OUR PAST  
13 INSTRUCTORS JESSE ROSAS, DAVE BUNCH, AND, DAVE GOLDEN. AGAIN  
14 250,000. THAT IS REMARKABLE. SO CONGRATULATIONS. WHO ARE WE  
15 GOING TO GIVE THIS TO? OKAY, COME OVER HERE AND WE'LL DO A  
16 PICTURE AND THEN YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS.

17  
18 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. DURING WORLD WAR  
19 II, SELF-CONTAINED UNDERWATER BREATHING APPARATUS DEVICES WERE  
20 REALLY PERFECTED AND AFTER THE WAR, THEY BECAME A RECREATIONAL  
21 HIT. AND CALIFORNIA WAS CENTER OF THIS SPORT. UNFORTUNATELY,  
22 PEOPLE WERE NOT TRAINED AND DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THIS TYPE  
23 OF DEVICE, AND THERE WERE MANY TRAGEDIES THAT OCCURRED. THE  
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
25 RECREATION IN 1954 TO DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM. AT THAT TIME

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1 ALL THE BEACHES IN THE COUNTY, ALL THE LIFEGUARDS WERE UNDER  
2 THE HARBORS DEPARTMENT. THERE WASN'T A BEACHES AND HARBORS  
3 DEPARTMENT. AND THE DEPARTMENT PERFECTED THAT TRAINING AND HAS  
4 OFFERED TO ALL THESE PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS AS THE SUPERVISOR  
5 HAS MENTIONED, 60 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG. SO I SALUTE  
6 OUR UNIT. I SALUTE ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR UNDERWATER  
7 UNIT WHO CARRY ON THIS GREAT PROGRAM AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
8 THIS INSTRUCTION SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN ENJOY THIS FANTASTIC  
9 UNDERWATER SPORT SAFELY AND ENJOYABLY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WELL ON BEHALF OF L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
12 REC AND THE LIFEGUARDS, IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE  
13 THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS THAT COME OUT AND POUR THEIR HEART AND  
14 SOUL OUT BECAUSE THEY LOVE DIVING AND THEY LOVE THE SPORT AND  
15 WITHOUT THEM THEY ARE THE BACKBONES OF THE UNDERWATER UNITS  
16 AND WE ARE HERE STILL GOING STRONG. AND CABABRILLO BEACH  
17 MUSEUM, SATURDAY, WE ARE HAVING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
18 THERE. COME ON OUT. GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IT AND LEARN TO  
19 DIVE. IT'S GREAT GOING UNDER WATER. FUN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 AND I HAVE SOME CARDS HERE FOR YOU GUYS, BOARD OF SUPS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU FIND ANY PEOPLE ENCASED IN CONCRETE  
23 WHEN YOU GO DIVING?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** NO, THEY MIGHT IN CASTAIC BECAUSE THE WATER IS SO LOW  
2 RIGHT NOW. BUT WE MIGHT SOON. JUST SO YOU KNOW WE WERE THE  
3 FIRST IN THE WORLD TO CERTIFY DIVERS SO L.A. COUNTY BE PROUD.  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP ANONOVICH:** WE ALWAYS HAVE VERY HANDSOME LOOKING DOGS THAT  
7 ARE ASKED TO BE ADOPTED. THIS IS ONE OF THE VERY, VERY CUTE  
8 PRECIOUS LITTLE PUPPIES. SHE IS 12 WEEKS OLD. IT'S A WELSH  
9 TERRIER MIX AND SHE'S GOT THE SWEETEST. SHE CAME IN EARLIER  
10 THIS MORNING IN MY OFFICE AND SAY HI. HER NAME IS JAVA. SHE'S  
11 12 WEEKS OLD. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 AND LITTLE JAVA WILL  
12 BE YOUR LITTLE CUP OF HAPPINESS EVERY MORNING AND EVERY  
13 EVENING WHEN YOU COME HOME. SHE IS SO POISED. LOOK AT LITTLE  
14 JAVA. LOOK AT THAT. MARK, LOOK AT JAVA.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? DO YOU HAVE ANY  
17 PRESENTATIONS? MARK, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? ALRIGHT,  
18 WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE AGENDA. MEMBERS, I'M GOING TO  
19 ASK SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKED IF WE COULD DO ITEM NUMBER SIX  
20 FIRST. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE JUST HAD A PRESS  
23 CONFERENCE OUTSIDE ON ITEM NUMBER SIX. I GOING TO ASK A COUPLE  
24 OF PEOPLE TO COME UP AND JOIN ME. I CAN ASK GLADYS LIMON TO  
25 COME UP TO THE CENTER TABLE. FRANK VIALOBOS, AND MARK LOPEZ.

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1 AND ALSO KATRINA MACEIS IS HERE. SHE IS REPRESENTING  
2 HUNTINGTON PARK CITY COUNCIL. SHE IS ITS VICE MAYOR AND I WANT  
3 TO THANK HER FOR HER SUPPORT. THIS IS A A MOTION SIMPLY TO  
4 HAVE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE KIND OF  
5 LEGAL ACTIONS THAT THEY COULD POTENTIALLY TAKE TO CLOSE,  
6 EXIDE, AND TO ABATE THE KIND OF TOXIC THREAT THAT IT IS  
7 POLLUTING IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFIED WITH  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF SUBSTANCE AND TOXIC AGENCY. THEY HAVE  
9 CREATED AN AGREEMENT WHICH REGRETTABLY IS NOT MEETING THE  
10 NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY CAN GET  
11 INVOLVED IN THIS BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY RESIDENTS THAT ARE  
12 INTIMIDATED WITH THE KIND OF POLLUTION THAT IS GOING ON THERE  
13 AND THE FACT THAT THIS AGENCY, EVEN THOUGH WE PUT TOGETHER A  
14 STRIKE TEAM TO WORK ON THIS, REGRETTABLY HAS NOT PARTICIPATED  
15 WITH THE COUNTY OR WITH THE RESIDENTS HERE SO LET ME BEGIN BY  
16 PRODUCING GLADYS LIMON WHO REPRESENTS COMMUNITIES FOR BETTER  
17 ENVIRONMENT TO JUST SHARE JUST A MINUTE OR TWO ON THIS ITEM  
18 AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO BE INVOLVED.

19  
20 **GLADYS LIMON:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GLADLY LIMON. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY  
22 WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT. EXIDE'S VERNON  
23 FACILITY HAS CHRONICALLY AND EGREGIOUSLY VIOLATED STATE AND  
24 FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS FOR DECADES. MEANWHILE EMITTING  
25 EXCESSIVE LEAD LEVELS AND SHOCKINGLY HIGH ARSENIC LEVELS

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1 CAUSING EXCESSIVE CANCER RISKS. AS THE BOARD KNOWS THE FEDERAL  
2 GOVERNMENT HAS A PENDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AGAINST EXIDE  
3 AND THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF STATE AND PRIVATE LEGAL  
4 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST IT. AND VERY RECENTLY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ENTERED INTO A STIPULATED ORDER WITH  
6 EXIDE THAT LIMITS EXIDE'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND ABSOLVES IT OF LIABILITIES. THE  
8 COUNTY ALSO HAS AN IMPORTANT STAKE IN THESE MATTERS, HOWEVER  
9 AS IT ALSO HOLDS RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAYBE EVEN LIABILITIES  
10 TO ENSURE EXIDE'S COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY  
11 REQUIREMENTS. EQUALLY IMPORTANT THE COUNTY HOLDS GENERAL  
12 GOVERNMENTAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT COUNTY  
13 RESIDENTS FROM HEALTH DANGERS EXIDE HAS SUBJECTED THEM TO FOR  
14 DECADES. C.B.E.'S REVIEW OF EXIDE'S COURT FILINGS REVEAL THAT  
15 EXIDE IS GEARING UP TO REOPEN THE VERNON FACILITY AND CONTINUE  
16 ITS OPERATIONS. FURTHER OUR REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT  
17 (INAUDIBLE) WITH THE STATE SHOWS THAT IT IS FULL OF HOLES,  
18 AMBIGUITIES, AND CONTINGENCIES WHICH CREATE GREAT UNCERTAINTY  
19 FOR AFFECTED RESIDENTS AND PLACE OUR HEALTH IN CONTINUED  
20 DANGER. THERE IS ALSO A QUESTION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THESE  
21 PURPORTED FINANCIAL ASSURANCES. IT'S TOO LITTLE, IT GIVES THEM  
22 TOO MUCH TIME AND GIVES THEM AN ABILITY TO NOT CLEAN UP THE  
23 SOIL TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY. ACCORDINGLY IT BEHOOVES THE  
24 COUNTY TO CONSIDER ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AGAINST EXIDE FOR  
25 COUNTY VIOLATIONS AND OTHER CLAIMS AND SEEK RECOVERY. I DO NOT

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1 DOUBT THAT THE COUNTY WOULD TAKE SUCH LEGAL RECOURSE IF WE  
2 WERE DEALING WITH A CHILD CARE PROVIDER THAT ENGAGED IN CHILD  
3 ENDANGERMENT FOR YEARS ALL WHILE VIOLATING COUNTY LAWS. AND  
4 THE COUNTY SHOULD ACT NO DIFFERENTLY HERE. EXIDE HAS EXPOSED  
5 OUR COMMUNITIES AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO UNFORGIVABLE LEVELS  
6 OF HEALTH RISKS. AND THE COUNTY SHOULD USE ITS POWERS TO HOLD  
7 EXIDE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER ITS  
8 JURISDICTION. THEREFORE WE ASK YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE  
9 MOTION BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU. FRANK?

10

11 **FRANK VIALOBOS:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANK  
12 VIALOBOS. I'M HERE HOWEVER REPRESENTING MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA  
13 WHO IS DOING CHURCH WORK THIS MORNING FOR HIS DAY JOB.  
14 MONSIGNOR IS A PASTOR AT RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS.  
15 IT'S THE PARISH ADJACENT TO TO THE EXIDE PLANT. THESE ARE HIS  
16 WORDS. "IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO HEAR THAT THE AGREEMENT  
17 ISSUED BY D.T.S.C. AGAINST EXIDE. YOU HAVE HEARD OF SERIAL  
18 KILLERS. WELL EXIDE IS A SERIAL POLLUTER. THIS AGREEMENT  
19 SIMPLY GIVES EXIDE ANOTHER REPRIEVE WHEN IN REALITY THEY  
20 SHOULD BE TOLD TO SHUT DOWN, CLEAN UP THE MESS, AND GO HOME.  
21 THIS AGREEMENT HAS SO MANY BACKDOOR DEALS FOR EXIDE TO EXCUSE  
22 OR EXEMPT ITSELF THAT IT IS A WONDER IF THE ATTORNEYS DID NOT  
23 WRITE IT FOR THEM. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT ALL ALONG EXIDE WILL  
24 BE FORCED TO CLEAN UP ITS MESS. IT HAS BEEN LITERALLY YEARS  
25 SINCE THE COMMUNITY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE LEAD CONTAMINATION,

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1 THE ARSENIC AND OTHER TOXINS THAT WE ARE BEING PUT INTO OUR  
2 HOMESCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES. I KNOW THAT JUSTICE IS OFTEN SLOW  
3 BUT THIS AGREEMENT WILL GIVE THEM TIME AS MUCH AS TEN YEARS TO  
4 CLEAN UP THE PROBLEM. WHAT COMMUNITY, WHAT SOCIETY IS GOING TO  
5 ACCEPT THAT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE LIVING WITH THIS POLLUTION?  
6 MEANWHILE THE D.T.S.C. MAY ISSUE A PERMANENT EXTENSION FOR  
7 EXIDE TO CONTINUE OPERATING."

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE ONE MORE.

12

13 **MARK LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS MARK LOPEZ. I'M WITH EAST SIDE  
14 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR  
15 HAVING ME HERE TODAY. EXIDE HAS POISONED US FOR YEARS.  
16 D.T.S.C. HAS FAILED US FOR YEARS. WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEM TO  
17 STRIKE UP A DEAL THAT'S GOING TO DO RIGHT BY US. WE'RE VERY  
18 SKEPTICAL. WE'VE LOOKED AT THE AGREEMENT. WE DON'T THINK IT  
19 GOES FAR ENOUGH. WE THINK IT LETS BOTH EXIDE AND D.T.S.C. OFF  
20 THE HOOK. D.T.S.C. HAS BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE ON THE GROUND WITH  
21 OUR RESIDENTS WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THERE IS NO TRUST IN  
22 THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A LOT OF FEAR AND ANXIETY. WE LOOK TO  
23 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES NEED. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE COUNTY BE DISRESPECTED  
25 IN THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE WITHOUT BEING INVOLVED IN THE



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1 PROCESS, BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE PROCESS AND SO I'M HERE TO  
2 SUPPORT THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU. SUP.  
3 MOLINA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, AGAIN  
4 WHAT IS GOING ON HERE IS THAT WE HAVE TRIED EVERY WAY TO HAVE  
5 A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND FIND A WAY TO WORK WITH THE  
6 D.T.S.C. REGRETTABLY WE SENT A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER. I HAVE  
7 NEVER SEEN OUR ENTIRE BOARD BEING DISRESPECTED LIKE THAT.  
8 THERE'S BEEN NO RESPONSE WHATSOEVER. IN THE MEANTIME THEY HAVE  
9 BEEN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH EXIDE AND TRYING TO PUT  
10 TOGETHER WHAT THEY CALL AS A SETTLEMENT OF SOME TYPE BUT IT  
11 REALLY ISN'T THE KIND OF ORDER THAT WE NEED. WE AS A BOARD  
12 SHOULD BE VERY CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE A STATE REGULATORY  
13 ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT BEING ATTENTIVE TO THE NEEDS. THE  
14 WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN FOR L.A. COUNTY IS FOR EXIDE TO  
15 LEAVE AND LEAVE THIS CONTAMINATED, POLLUTING FACILITY HERE IN  
16 OUR OWN COMMUNITY WITHOUT TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY. THE NINE  
17 MILLION DOLLARS IS CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO CLEAN UP WHAT  
18 THEY'VE POLLUTED SO FAR. WE DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF IT. SO  
19 WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IT BASICALLY ASKS THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE OUR COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPLORE THE  
21 POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTIONS THEY CAN TAKE AGAINST EXIDE  
22 TECHNOLOGIES EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN CONCERT WITH OTHER  
23 JURISDICTIONS OR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND REPORT TO OUR BOARD IN A  
24 WEEK WITH THOSE LEGAL OPTIONS TO EITHER CLOSE EXIDE OR MAKE  
25 THE TOXIC CONDITIONS SURROUNDING THE FACILITIES AND IN

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1 PARTICULAR THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOODS. SO THAT IS BEFORE US  
2 AND I SO MOVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS HOW DOES THIS PLAY  
5 INTO THE RECENT ORDER THAT WAS ISSUED HERE SINCE YOU FILED  
6 THIS MOTION ABOUT THE FINE AND THE TRUST FUND?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DOES YOUR MOTION PLAY NOW AFTER  
11 SINCE YOUR MOTION WAS FILED THERE WAS SOME SORT OF JUDGMENT  
12 AGAINST EXIDE AS THERE WAS TO A FINE AND TRUST GONE OF NINE  
13 MILLION DOLLARS?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE JUST SO WE HAVE A CLEAR  
16 UNDERSTANDING, THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES HAS BEEN IN  
17 DISCUSSIONS WITH EXIDE. THEY HAD NOT INVOLVED THE COUNTY. IF  
18 YOU REMEMBER ABOUT A MONTH AGO WE PUT TOGETHER AND ASKED FOR A  
19 STRIKE TEAM TO BE PUT TOGETHER. THEY HAVE NOT MET WITH ANY OF  
20 OUR AGENCIES INCLUDING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS WITH REGARD  
21 TO ANY OF THESE ISSUES. WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN A RESPONSE. OUR  
22 CONCERN HERE IS THAT THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD ON CREATING SOME  
23 KIND OF SETTLEMENT WITHOUT A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW  
24 EXTENSIVE THE POLLUTION IN THAT AREA TO WHAT EXTENT. NEED TO  
25 GET INVOLVED MR. CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF L.A.

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1 COUNTY TO HOLD THIS ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT  
2 THEY HAVE ABANDONED THE SITE IN TEXAS WHICH IS A REAL PROBLEM  
3 FOR THE AREA THAT THEY LEFT BEHIND. WE ARE CONCERNED HERE THAT  
4 THIS MAY HAPPEN AS WELL. GLADYS CAN TELL YOU AT LENGTH AS TO  
5 WHY THIS IS NOT CLEARLY THE KIND OF ORDER THAT WE NEED. THERE  
6 HAS BEEN NO DIALOGUE AT ALL WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
7 AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED TO FIND A WAY, WE DON'T KNOW  
8 EXACTLY BUT ASKING OUR LAWYERS TO FIND A WAY TO INTERVENE IN  
9 SOME FASHION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
10 AREA. SO YES, THERE IS SOME ARRANGEMENT THAT THEY ARE MAKING  
11 BUT IT ISN'T IN CONCERT WITH ANY OF US EITHER OUR COUNTY  
12 OFFICIALS OR ANYONE, RESIDENTS WITHIN THE AREA. SO WHAT WE'RE  
13 ASKING OUR LAWYERS TO DO IS TO LOOK FOR THE OPTIONS THAT ARE  
14 AVAILABLE TO US.

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. ZEV? DID YOU HAVE A  
17 COMMENT? ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

18  
19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO THANK THE RESIDENTS  
20 THAT JOINED US THIS MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL RECONSIDER THAT ITEM. WE DO HAVE  
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. SACHS?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
2 CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. TWENTY-THREE YEARS AND  
3 ELEVEN MONTHS. THAT'S SOME INTIMIDATION. HOW LONG HAS EXIDE  
4 BEEN LOCATED IN THIS ARA? I'M SURE IT'S BEEN OVER 23 YEARS AND  
5 11 MONTHS. INTIMIDATION. THE GOVERNOR CAME TO THE BOARD TO  
6 DISCUSS PROP 30. CAN'T GET THE GOVERNOR TO COME DOWN HERE AND  
7 FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON? DON'T YOU PAY FOR PEOPLE TO GO UP TO  
8 SACRAMENTO TO ARGUE ON THEIR BEHALF? WHO MAKES THE  
9 APPOINTMENTS TO THE D.T.S.C.? AND WHO IS OVERSIGHT OF THAT? IS  
10 THAT THE GOVERNOR? IS THAT THE STATE LEGISLATION? THE LAWYER,  
11 THE ATTORNEY SAID COUNTY HANDLING CHILDCARE. SHE MUST NOT HAVE  
12 HEARD ABOUT THE TEENS HAPPY HOMES SITUATION IT TOOK SEVEN  
13 YEARS FOR THEM TO CLOSE. WITH THE CAROUSEL TRACK IN CARSON  
14 THERE'S THE OIL PUMPING IN U.S.C. AND MISS MOLINA DID MENTION  
15 THE STRIKE TEAM. WHAT? WHAT? WHAT? YEAH.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS, STAY THERE AND YOU CAN SPEAK  
18 ON 22, 38, 39, 40, AND 65. MR. FLIPPEN, 6-P 10, 27. PREVEN, 4-  
19 P, 10, 11, 22, 30, 34, 41, 43, 44, 57, 58, 65-D AND CS-1.

20  
21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE NOT HOLDING 22 AS A SPECIAL ITEM? THE  
22 PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL?

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL LET YOU TESTIFY ON IT RIGHT NOW.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IF YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD IT AS A SPECIAL ITEM I'D  
2   LIKE TO TESTIFY THEN.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS RUNNING.

5

6   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH I KNOW IT'S RUNNING. THANK YOU. ANYWAY I  
7   DID HOLD SOME OTHER ITEMS. I THINK YOUR SYSTEM TODAY STINKS.  
8   YOU HAD LINES AT ALL THE KIOSKS AND YOU CAN'T SIGN UP. YOU  
9   WERE EXPECTING A BIG CROWD. I DID HOLD ITEM NO. 3. IT  
10   MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WANTED TO USE  
11   MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS FOR ATWATER VILLAGE, SOMETHING AT  
12   ATWATER VILLAGE, A DAM OR SOMETHING. BUT YOU OVERSEE THE  
13   UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND ATWATER VILLAGE IS IN THE CITY OF  
14   L.A., WHICH GETS ITS OWN MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS, THAT 15  
15   PERCENT. SO YOU'RE TAKING MONEY THAT SHOULD GO TO THE  
16   UNINCORPORATED AREA AND USING IT FOR A CITY PROJECT. CAN YOU  
17   EXPLAIN HOW THAT'S DONE? BECAUSE YOU ARE THE OVERSIGHT FOR THE  
18   UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
19   IN EACH ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS. YOU USE FUNDING THAT MEASURE R  
20   LOCAL RETURN IS THE MEASURE R TAX THAT'S RETURNED TO THE  
21   COMMUNITY BY THIS MEASURE. AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE USED IN  
22   THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO HOW CAN YOU TAKE MONEY FROM THE  
23   UNINCORPORATED AREA AND USE IT FOR THE CITY OF L.A.? I HELD  
24   ITEM NO. 8, A GRAFFITI REMOVAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN  
25   CALIFORNIA GAS FACILITIES. CAN ANYBODY HERE SAY BLUE LINE? DO

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1 YOU HAVE ANY KIND OF GRAFFITI AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE GRAFFITI  
2 THAT'S ON THE BLUE LINE? OR IS THAT JUST PART OF METRO'S ART  
3 WALK TOUR, THAT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A FREE ACCESS PASS  
4 FOR? BECAUSE THEY GIVE THEM OUT WHEN YOU GO ON A METRO STATION  
5 TOUR. BEEN ON THE BLUE LINE LATELY? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
6 I OFFERED TO HAVE HIM PAY. I HELD ITEM 28. YOU'RE USING  
7 TEMPORARY SERVICES FOR LIBRARY PERSONNEL. CAN ANYBODY SAY  
8 VETS, VETS, VETS? I HELD ITEM 56. YOU HAVE 14 DEPARTMENTS THAT  
9 ARE BEING -- THAT ARE GOING THROUGH SOME RECLASSIFICATION.  
10 WHAT'S THE COST FOR THAT RECLASSIFICATION? HOW MANY EMPLOYEES?  
11 WHO AUTHORIZES THE STUDY? AND WHAT IS THAT ACTUALLY GOING TO  
12 COST THE PUBLIC? I HELD ITEM 65-A. IT'S A RETIREMENT SEMINAR.  
13 AND IF ANYBODY HAS AN AGENDA, YOU CAN CHECK ITEM A-3. IT TALKS  
14 ABOUT THE UNDERFUNDED LACERA PENSION FUND THAT WAS AGENDIZED  
15 BY THE BOARD AT 11/16/2010. SO IT'S OUTLASTING THE C.E.O. AND  
16 TWO OF THE SUPERVISORS AND IT STILL HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED. I  
17 HELD ITEM 65-B. THE COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS  
18 ASSESSMENT. YOU WANT TO PRODUCE A NEW PLAN. YOU HAD THE SAFE  
19 PARKS PROPOSITION FROM 1996 AND '92 AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN  
20 FOR IT? YOU THINK YOU'D REVISED THE PLAN NOW THAT YOU'RE  
21 LOSING FUNDING. NO, WE'RE GOING TO PUT A NEW PLAN IN. AND THEN  
22 65-D, ESTABLISH A POLICY --

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP.

25

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOU'RE A REAL CHAMPION OF THE  
2   PUBLIC.

3

4   **SPEAKER:** YOUR HONOR, MR. KNABE, COMMISSIONER, IS THERE ANY WAY  
5   DURING MY COMMENTARY, WE COULD POSSIBLY PLAY A YOUTUBE VIDEO?

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

8

9   **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THEN I'LL OPT FOR A PUBLIC COMMENTARY. MY  
10   NAME'S AMEER FLIPPEN AND I'M PUSHING THE LOS ANGELES  
11   COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE. MY GOAL IN COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEMS  
12   ARE REALLY JUST TO HELP THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO HELP EDUCATE  
13   THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION ON COOPERATIVES  
14   RELATIVE TO A PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM. THE PUBLIC COMMENTARY IS  
15   REALLY AIMED AT BECOMING SOMEWHAT, IF ANYONE'S FAMILIAR WITH A  
16   FINANCIAL DRIPS PROGRAM WHERE THE GENERAL PUBLIC SLOWLY  
17   CONVINCES THE BOARD THROUGH RESEARCH AND SURVEYS THAT  
18   STRUCTURING COOPERATIVES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SHOULD  
19   BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF A COMMUNITY PLAN. THE COOPERATIVE X  
20   HAS A SMALL DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN WHERE COMMUNITY FUNDS,  
21   LONG TERM STABILITY THROUGH THEIR OWN PRIVATE INTERNAL EFFORTS  
22   AND ACTIONS. THE PARKS AND RECREATIONS DIVISION, WE'VE GOT  
23   SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS TODAY WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION. IN  
24   THE PAST, IT DEFINITELY QUALIFIES AS AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION.  
25   THE PARKS AND THE RECREATIONS DIVISION, THEY'RE DEFINITELY NOT



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1 GOING ANYWHERE. SO, SORT OF THROUGH THE ANCHOR INSTITUTION  
2 IDEA, SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE REALLOCATING EXCESS FUNDS FOR  
3 MAINTENANCE OF MOUNTAINOUS AND PARK AREAS, THE SERVICE AND  
4 MAINTENANCE SECTORS ARE IDEAL FOR COMMUNITY WEALTH AND EQUITY  
5 BUILDING. IT'S AN IDEAL SITUATION. IT'S A SERVICE. YOU CAN GET  
6 EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED. AND THE COMMUNITY MUTUALLY  
7 BENEFITS LONGER TERM AS OPPOSED TO SORT OF EXPENDING CAPITAL  
8 AND ASKING FOR MORE MONEY EACH YEAR. EACH PUBLIC COMMENT IS  
9 REALLY MEANT TO HELP THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAKE A MORE  
10 ACCURATE FUNDING DECISION ON EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS WHILE  
11 HELPING COMMUNITY LEADERS CONSIDER AND STRUCTURE COOPERATIVES  
12 AS AN ALTERNATIVE LONG TERM INVESTMENT STRATEGY. PERSONALLY AS  
13 A FORMER INVESTMENT ADVISER AND STOCKBROKER, I DON'T THINK I  
14 CAN CLOSE THE MAJORITY LATINO COMMUNITY ON COOPERATIVES.  
15 THEREFORE, MY GOALS ARE BASICALLY TO SORT OF LEAD IN A SMALL  
16 EXAMPLE WHILE FOCUSING MY EFFORTS IN AREAS WHERE I'M PROMISED  
17 A SMALL PERCENTAGE TO SHARE IN TERMS OF SMALL COOPERATIVES.  
18 IT'S DEFINITELY AN OPTION. L.A.'S A REALLY LARGE COMMUNITY OF  
19 COMMUNITIES. AND IF YOU COULD SOME KIND OF WAY CARVE OUT SOME  
20 KIND OF PLAN OR SOME ALLOCATION WITHIN YOUR BUDGETS FOR EACH  
21 COMMUNITY, RECYCLING COOPERATIVES FOR BUSINESSES AND  
22 INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE A GREAT SORT OF UNDERCURRENT TO FUND  
23 OTHER COOPERATIVES. THANK YOU.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
2 DISTRICT 3. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS A  
3 VERY BUSY, BUSY DAY AND WE WERE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S S-1 REPORT SO I'LL COME BACK TO THAT FOR  
5 SURE. THE POPULATION MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS ITEM NUMBER 63 FOR  
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN KICKED DOWN THE ROAD FOR  
7 MONTHS. THAT IS, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT CONSTITUTES AN EXAMPLE  
8 OF THE CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD THAT MR. FUJIOKA RECEIVED  
9 TODAY, BUT I DO THINK WE SHOULD HEAR FROM HIM ON THAT  
10 PARTICULAR MATTER. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RAISE, AND SUPERVISOR  
11 MOLINA I BELIEVE IS THE ONE WHO INITIATED THIS HOWARD BEAL  
12 MOMENT SOME YEARS AGO REGARDING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S  
13 CONTRACT WITH SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES. THESE ARE THE GUYS  
14 WHO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SO WE CAN ALERT MAYOR  
15 ANTONOVICH THAT WE'RE ON THAT SUBJECT NOW. THIS IS APPALLING.  
16 THIS IS A YEARLONG LOOK-SEE ABOUT WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY  
17 MIGHT BE OUT THERE AS ITERATION AS ITERATION OF MOBILE PHONE  
18 AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY KEEPS COMING FORWARD AT AN ALARMING RATE  
19 WE ARE MIRED IN ENDLESS COUNTY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT?  
20 CONSIDERATION? AS I TOLD MR. POWERS TODAY WHO PROUDLY DROPPED  
21 TO ONE KNEE AND APOLOGIZED FOR THIS TAKING SO LONG, WE NEED TO  
22 MOVE THIS ALONG. OKAY, THIS SHOULD NOT BE A YEAR OUT FOR A  
23 CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING. I MEAN, SAVE THE COMMENTS  
24 FOR DIVERSION FOR S-1. BUT REALLY THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF  
25 DIVERTING PEOPLE FROM UNNECESSARY INCARCERATION. OKAY. THE

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1 CATEGORY OF INFLUENCE TODAY IS, AS ALWAYS, BRIMMING WITH  
2 INTERESTING ITEMS. ITEM NO. 60 IS OUR GOOD FRIENDS FROM  
3 BROOKFIELD WHO ARE LOBBYING THROUGH ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN,  
4 AN OUTSTANDING FIRM ARE GETTING 91 CONDOS GOING IN WHITTIER  
5 WHICH WE ALL HAVE SORT OF SIGNED OFF ON, SO KUDOS. ITEM NO. 40  
6 IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES GROUP, SOUTH  
7 BAY WORKFORCE, ET CETERA, GETTING ADDITIONAL MONEY. THE PART  
8 THERE THAT IS CONFUSING FOR ME, JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES  
9 THAT HAS A NUMBER OF CONTRACTS IS ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
10 MAXIMUS. AND MAXIMUS IS A BIG ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN  
11 LOBBYIST. WE NEED TO MONITOR THAT. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
12 THOMAS IS A WARRIOR. I THINK WE ALL KNOW HE IS FIGHTING  
13 AGAINST THE KIND OF CORRUPTION IN THIS COUNTY WHEN HE SEES.  
14 ONE HE'S IDENTIFIED TODAY HAS TO DO WITH 1977 SATURN L.L.C.,  
15 WHICH IS A FACILITY. THE ITEM IS 65-D. AND SOME QUESTIONS HAVE  
16 ARISEN AS TO WAS DUE DILIGENCE DONE IN SEEKING A FACILITY LIKE  
17 THIS TO ACCOMMODATE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING OUT OF  
18 THE VERMONT CORRIDOR? AND IT'S AN ACQUISITION OF \$38 MILLION  
19 FOR A BUILDING. IT'S BEEN INTRODUCED BY MR. FUJIOKA AS A  
20 SWEETHEART DEAL THAT WE BETTER RUN AND GRAB. NOW IT'S COME OUT  
21 THERE'S ISSUES WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND FACILITY. AND THERE'S  
22 QUESTIONS AS TO WHO SPECIFICALLY IS INVOLVED WITH THIS GROUP.  
23 I THOUGHT IT LOOKED LIKE G.E. CAPITAL IS THE OWNER. I DON'T  
24 KNOW. I ASKED AND MR. FUJIOKA DECLINED TO UPDATE ME ON THAT.  
25 MAYBE MISS CULP CAN PROVIDE THAT KIND OF INFORMATION TO THE

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1 PUBLIC. ITEM NO. 34, MAYOR ANTONOVICH IS GENEROUSLY COMING UP  
2 WITH \$2 MILLION TO PROVIDE A SKATE PARK IN LA CRESCENTA.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WOULD MOVE. WELL THAT'S IT? GOOD STUFF. THANK  
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LUCKY DAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER? OH,  
10 I'M SORRY. DR. CLAVREUL. DR. CLAVREUL, YOU'VE HELD 10, 19 AND  
11 30?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ANYWAY ON ITEM NO. 10, I SPOKE TO THAT  
14 ITEM BEFORE ABOUT THE PUTTING ALL THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
15 TOGETHER. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I THINK WE HAVE BEEN  
16 DELAYING OVER AND OVER AGAIN ALL THE TIME. AND I FEEL ALL  
17 SHOULD NOT BE TOTALLY TOGETHER WHEN IT COMES TO INFORMATION  
18 TECHNOLOGY. I THINK REDUNDANCY IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY IN A  
19 PLACE LIKE CALIFORNIA WHERE WE HAVE EARTHQUAKE AND SO ON. SO  
20 THAT WILL BE JUST ONE OF MY SUBSECTION. ON ITEM 19, I MAINLY  
21 HELD IT TO KNOW HOW LONG YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE US TO GET A  
22 FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OR IF YOU HAVE ALREADY  
23 HIRED. I KNOW IT WAS A CLOSED SESSION YESTERDAY. SO IT WOULD  
24 BE NICE IF YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ASKED SOMEBODY OR NOT.  
25 AND ON ITEM 30, ACTUALLY I CANNOT BELIEVE MY EYES BECAUSE IT

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1 IS AGAIN FOR THE NEW M.L.K. HOSPITAL. WHICH IS NOT FINISHED. A  
2 HOSPITAL THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED ALTOGETHER \$323  
3 MILLION. THAT'S A PRETTY STEEP AMOUNT. EVEN SO ON THAT ITEM  
4 TODAY THEY SAID THE PROJECT INITIALLY WAS 281,430 MILLION. NOW  
5 IT'S NOT TRUE. IT'S ABOUT 323 MILLION EXACTLY. NOW YOU ARE  
6 COMING BACK ADDING AN EXTRA ALMOST 3 MILLION. HOW LONG? HOW  
7 OFTEN ARE YOU GOING TO INCREASE THE MONEY TO THAT PLACE WITH  
8 M.L.K.? I MEAN, ALMOST EVERY WEEK IT HAS BEEN A NEW ITEM. THE  
9 WEEK BEFORE IT WAS FOR PARKING. NOW IT'S FOR -- IT'S ABSURD.  
10 WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTRACT OF THAT MAGNITUDE, THE RESEARCH  
11 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE WELL ENOUGH SO THOSE LITTLE INCIDENTAL  
12 THINGS ARE NOT COMING UP ALMOST ALL THE TIME. I JUST HOPE THAT  
13 MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM THE MEDIA. OR SOMEBODY FROM, YOU KNOW, THE  
14 ATTORNEY GENERAL OR ANYBODY WHO HAVE ANY KIND OF POWER TO LOOK  
15 WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING, REALLY LOOK AT THAT. IT IS TRULY A  
16 DISGRACE. AND I WILL COME BACK ALL THE TIME AND EVENTUALLY  
17 SOMEBODY WILL LISTEN BECAUSE IT ALWAYS HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE ITEMS BEFORE US. 65-D. I WANT  
20 THAT HELD FOR DISCUSSION.

21  
22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** HOLD 65-D, OKAY. ALL RIGHT THE  
23 FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE THIS BOARD. ITEM 4-P, 6-P, 10, 19,  
24 22, 30. ON ITEM 38, 39 AND 40, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO  
25 CONTINUE THESE ITEMS ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 18TH. 38, 39 AND 40.

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1 ITEM 44 IS BEFORE THIS BOARD, 57, 58 AND 59. THOSE ITEMS ARE  
2 BEFORE YOU. WE DON'T HAVE THE C.E.O. OR PROBATION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE C.E.O. OR  
5 PROBATION ON 38, 39 AND 40? SEE IF THERE'S ANY TIME ISSUES?  
6 PLEASE?

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE  
9 C.E.O.'S OFFICE?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS ADVISED THAT THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE  
12 AT THE END OF THE YEAR, SO IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE'S TIME.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ONE WEEK IS FINE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S OKAY? ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** RIGHT BUT THE REMAINING ITEMS.

23

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE REMAINING ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION  
2 OF 65-D, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 41,  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE, BUT THE ITEM  
7 IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THAT, THEN THE CHAIR WILL MOVE  
10 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AND  
11 ONE ABSTENTION NOTED, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE A SET ITEM WE'LL ASK THE  
16 HONORABLE JACKIE LACEY, OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TO JOIN US,  
17 PLEASE? ON ITEM 65-D, I WANT TO CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK? OKAY?  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **JACKIE LACEY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, GOOD MORNING BOARD  
21 OF SUPERVISORS. I ACTUALLY HAVE TWO REPORTS TODAY. THE FIRST  
22 IS ON THE STATUS OF VICTIMS' SERVICES AND I HAVE WITH ME THE  
23 DIRECTOR OF OUR VICTIMS' SERVICES UNIT, DONNA WILLS, AS WELL  
24 AS THE DIRECTOR, D.S.E. OF OUR RESTITUTION ENFORCEMENT  
25 PROGRAM, LYDIA BODEN. THIS REPORT IS BEING GIVEN AT THE



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1 REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH. AND IT IS ABOUT THE  
2 GAPS IN SERVICES AS WELL AS WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR VICTIMS IN  
3 L.A. COUNTY. ANY ONE OF US COULD BECOME THE VICTIM OF A  
4 VIOLENT CRIME. WE COULD BE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY A DRUNKEN  
5 DRIVER, HE COULD BE ROBBED AT GUN POINT WHILE USING AN A.T.M.  
6 WE COULD BE ASSAULTED IN A PARKING STRUCTURE ON OUR WAY HOME  
7 FROM WORK. THESE CRIMES MAY CAUSE DEVASTATING PHYSICAL AND  
8 MENTAL DISTRESS. THEY ALSO CAUSE TREMENDOUS FINANCIAL BURDENS,  
9 ESPECIALLY IF A WORKING PARENT IS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND UNABLE  
10 TO WORK. THEN THE LEGAL PROCESS BEGINS, REQUIRING VICTIMS TO  
11 ATTEND MULTIPLE COURT HEARINGS OVER WEEKS, MONTHS OR EVEN  
12 YEARS. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RELIES HEAVILY ON THE  
13 BRAVERY OF CRIME VICTIMS. THROUGH THEIR CRIME REPORTS AND  
14 COURTROOM TESTIMONY, VICTIMS HELP PUT CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS  
15 AND MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFER FOR ALL OF US. WE IN THE LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ARE DEDICATED TO  
17 AIDING CRIME VICTIMS AS THEY NAVIGATE ALL PHASES OF THE  
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE TRY TO LESSEN THE TRAUMA AND PROVIDE  
19 SUPPORT. MY OFFICE HAS A DISTINGUISHED HISTORY IN THIS AREA.  
20 NEARLY FOUR DECADES AGO, A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS LED BY THE LATE  
21 MIA BAKER OFFERED TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES TO CRIME  
22 VICTIMS. THEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN VAN DECAMP LIKED THE IDEA  
23 AND ESTABLISHED CALIFORNIA'S FIRST VICTIMS' SERVICES PROGRAM.  
24 SIX YEARS LATER, IN 1983, THE STATE LEGISLATURE MANDATED  
25 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN EVERY COUNTY. IN THE

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1 SAME YEAR, YOUR BOARD DESIGNATED MY OFFICE AS THE EXCLUSIVE  
2 OFFICIAL PROVIDER OF VICTIMS SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE  
3 CONTINUE TO SERVE AS LEADERS IN THIS AREA. ONE VICTIM-WITNESS  
4 ASSISTANT PROGRAM, OUR VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
5 PROVIDED SERVICES TO ABOUT 24,000 CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR  
6 FAMILIES LAST YEAR. THE PROGRAM IS DIVIDED INTO TWO UNITS. ONE  
7 THAT PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS AND ANOTHER  
8 THAT PROCESSES VICTIMS COMPENSATION CLAIMS. WE ALSO PROVIDE  
9 DIRECT SERVICES THROUGH THE RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.  
10 LET ME EXPLAIN BRIEFLY WHAT EACH UNIT DOES. IN THE DIRECT  
11 SERVICES DIVISION, WE STAFF 27 VICTIM SERVICE SITES LOCATED  
12 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
13 PROVIDES SERVICES AT 10 OF THE MUNICIPAL SITES. VICTIMS  
14 SERVICES' REPRESENTATIVES MAKE REFERRALS FOR FOOD, SHELTER,  
15 CLOTHING, GRIEF COUNSELING AND MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH  
16 SERVICES. THEY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS FOR  
17 GOVERNMENT SERVICES, SUCH AS WELFARE, PUBLIC HOUSING,  
18 DISABILITY AND SOCIAL SECURITY. VICTIMS SERVICES  
19 REPRESENTATIVES ALSO OFFER AN ORIENTATION TO OUR CRIMINAL  
20 JUSTICE SYSTEM AND OFTEN ACCOMPANY TRAUMATIZED VICTIMS TO  
21 COURT. THEY TAILOR THEIR RESPONSE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL  
22 SITUATION. TAKE THE CASE OF AN 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SUFFERING  
23 FROM DEMENTIA AND MACULAR DEGENERATION. HER DAUGHTER WAS HER  
24 PRIMARY CAREGIVER. WHEN THE DAUGHTER WAS SUSPECTED OF STEALING  
25 FROM HER MOTHER, ONE OF OUR VICTIMS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES

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1 STEPPED IN. OUR V.S.R. HELPED THE ELDERLY WOMAN SECURE  
2 FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE POLICE. SHE ASSISTED A SECOND  
3 DAUGHTER, WHO WAS DISABLED, IN BECOMING HER MOTHER'S LEGAL  
4 GUARDIAN. SHE ARRANGED HER MEAL DELIVERIES AND HELPED THE  
5 MOTHER AND DAUGHTER APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. OUR VICTIMS  
6 SERVICES REP EVEN ORGANIZED CHURCH MEMBERS TO CHECK IN ON THE  
7 TWO WOMEN. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FULL ARRAY OF SERVICES  
8 THAT WE PROVIDE TO ALL VICTIMS WHETHER OR NOT THE SUSPECT IS  
9 ARRESTED OR CHARGED WITH A CRIME. THE CLAIMS VERIFICATION UNIT  
10 PROCESSES LOCAL REQUESTS FOR STATE VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR A  
11 VARIETY OF SERVICES, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, FUNERAL  
12 COSTS, CRIME SCENE CLEANUP AND LOST WAGES. THE UNIT STAFF  
13 REVIEWS CLAIMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
14 VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS MEET STATE ELIGIBILITY  
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFITS. THE STATE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND  
16 SERVES AS THE PAYER OF LAST RESORT. THAT MEANS THAT THE  
17 VICTIMS MUST EXHAUST ALL OTHER FORMS OF POSSIBLE PAYMENT SUCH  
18 AS PERSONAL INSURANCE AND GOVERNMENT BENEFITS BEFORE THEY'RE  
19 ELIGIBLE TO COLLECT. APPROVED CLAIMS ARE USUALLY PAID WITHIN  
20 90 DAYS, AND THE CLAIMS VERIFICATION UNIT WORKS UNDER THE  
21 CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD.  
22 PARALEGALS ASSIGNED TO THE RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM  
23 WORK CLOSELY WITH DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO PREPARE  
24 REQUESTS FOR RESTITUTION ORDERS. VICTIMS MAY SEEK COURT  
25 ORDERED RESTITUTION FROM CONVICTED DEFENDANTS FOR CRIME-

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1 RELATED LOSSES OF \$2,500 OR MORE. THE STAFF WORKS CLOSELY WITH  
2 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
3 CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO COLLECT RESTITUTION. THEY  
4 ARE ALSO DEDICATED TO LOCATING VICTIMS WHO ARE OWED MONEY.  
5 THIS, BY THE WAY, IS NO EASY TASK. TRY FINDING A VICTIM OF A  
6 DECADE-OLD ASSAULT WHO IS MARRIED AND CHANGED HER NAME AND  
7 MOVED TO ANOTHER STATE. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE A VIBRANT  
8 PROGRAM, BUT WE ALSO COULD DO A LOT MORE. WE APPRECIATE  
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S INVITATION TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF  
10 VICTIM SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. I BEGAN BY TELLING YOU A  
11 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROGRAM. NOW I WANT TO FOCUS ON THE  
12 PERCEIVED GAPS IN SERVICES. OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS SIMPLY  
13 REACHING ALL OF THE NEARLY 45,000 VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME IN  
14 L.A. COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY LARGE COUNTY WITH A  
15 DIVERSE POPULATION. WE HAVE PERSISTENT HIGH POVERTY RATES AS  
16 WELL AS VIOLENT CRIME RATES COMPARED WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS.  
17 WE DO NOT HAVE THE STAFF NEEDED TO SERVE ALL OF THESE VICTIMS.  
18 WE SIMPLY CANNOT REACH THEM. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE  
19 PROVIDE VICTIMS SERVICES TO ABOUT 24,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR.  
20 THAT NUMBER INCLUDES BOTH CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILY  
21 MEMBERS. IN A HOMICIDE CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE VICTIM MAY LEAVE  
22 MULTIPLE SURVIVORS, A SPOUSE, A CHILD AND THEIR PARENTS AND  
23 ALL ARE ENTITLED TO SERVICES. MANY OF OUR VICTIMS ARE POOR AND  
24 SPEAK LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH. IN 2009, VOTERS PASSED THE MARCY'S  
25 LAW WHICH GUARANTEED CERTAIN VICTIMS RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE

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1 CONSTITUTION. EVERY CRIME VICTIM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 RECEIVES INFORMATION OUTLINING THEIR RIGHTS WHEN THEY FILE A  
3 POLICE REPORT. AS A RESULT, DEMAND FOR VICTIMS SERVICES IS UP.  
4 BUT WE STILL DO NOT REACH ALL OF THEM WHO NEED OUR HELP. WE  
5 WORRY ABOUT THOSE WHO SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. THERE ARE  
6 SEVERAL AREAS WHERE WE SHOULD AND COULD EXPAND VICTIMS  
7 SERVICES. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE  
8 STRATEGIC PLAN. THAT PLAN WOULD OFFER PROPOSALS FOR FULL  
9 SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MORE CRIME VICTIMS THROUGHOUT L.A.  
10 COUNTY. ONE WAY TO DO THAT IS BY ESTABLISHING A VICTIMS  
11 SERVICES SITE IN ALL COURTHOUSES AND IN SELECT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 STATIONS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS. WE ALSO SHOULD INCREASE SERVICE  
13 LEVELS IN HIGH CRIME AREAS, SUCH AS COMPTON, CENTRAL LOS  
14 ANGELES, POMONA AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE'VE HAD GREAT  
15 SUCCESS IN OFFERING SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY TO CERTAIN GROUPS OF  
16 VICTIMS SUCH AS ELDERS. WHAT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSIDER  
17 EXPANDING THOSE SERVICES IN AREAS SUCH AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
18 AND FINANCIAL CRIMES. WE ALSO SHOULD PROVIDE MORE SPECIALIZED  
19 ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF GANG AND FAMILY VIOLENCE, SEX CRIMES  
20 AND ELDER ABUSE. TO HELP CRIME VICTIMS RECOVER FINANCIALLY, WE  
21 SHOULD ADD MORE PARALEGALS TO MAKE SURE THAT RESTITUTION IS  
22 BEING ORDERED, COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED. WE ALSO COULD  
23 EXAMINE WHETHER TO INCREASE THE POOL OF CRIME VICTIMS ELIGIBLE  
24 FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES FROM STATE AND EVEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.  
25 CALIFORNIA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM PROVIDES

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1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME ONLY. VICTIMS  
2 OF PROPERTY CRIMES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION  
3 UNDER THE CURRENT GUIDELINES. NOR DOES THE STATE PAY FOR  
4 CERTAIN CRIME-RELATED EXPENSES SUCH AS THE COST OF TOWING AND  
5 IMPOUNDING A STOLEN VEHICLE. THE VICTIM MUST PAY THOSE COSTS  
6 OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKET IF THEY WANT THEIR CAR BACK. THE BOARD  
7 OF SUPERVISORS MAY WANT TO CONSIDER PROVIDING LOCAL SERVICES  
8 BEYOND THOSE CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED BY THE STATE. WE ALSO  
9 WANT TO WORK WITH THE COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION  
10 COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO  
11 COMING TO COURT. VICTIMS ACTUALLY LOSE MONEY BY PARTICIPATING  
12 IN THE COURT PROCESS. FIRST WE ASK THEM TO TAKE TIME OFF FROM  
13 WORK. SOME MUST ARRANGE FOR CHILDCARE. THEN WE ASK THEM TO PAY  
14 AS OF AS \$20 A DAY TO PARK IN A DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT WITH THE  
15 PROMISE OF BEING REIMBURSED SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. WE OFFER  
16 THEM \$4 A DAY TO PAY FOR LUNCH. I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF YOU CAN  
17 BUY A SANDWICH IN THE COURTHOUSE CAFETERIA FOR THAT LITTLE.  
18 DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS WE BEGAN TO ADDRESS THESE GAPS AND  
19 I'M GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR INCREASING THE  
20 NUMBER OF VICTIMS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS YEAR'S  
21 BUDGET. THEY WILL ASSIST US WITH CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF  
22 A.B.109, THE PUBLIC SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT ACT. FINALLY I WANT TO  
23 THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THIS YEAR THAT AUTHORIZED  
24 COUNTY TO COLLECT RESTITUTION FROM INMATES IN THE COUNTY JAIL.  
25 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WHEN A.B.109 WAS PASSED, THERE WAS

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1 ABSOLUTELY NO MECHANISM FOR COLLECTING RESTITUTION FROM  
2 CONVICTED DEFENDANTS UNLESS THEY WERE SENTENCED TO STATE  
3 PRISON. THAT MEANT CONVICTED DEFENDANTS ORDERED TO SERVE TIME  
4 IN LOCAL JAILS DID NOT PAY FOR THEIR VICTIMS FOR CRIME-RELATED  
5 LOSSES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. NOR DID CONVICTED DEFENDANTS  
6 GIVE POST-RELEASE COMMUNITY -- WHO WERE GIVEN POST-RELEASE  
7 COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, THESE  
8 CRIMINAL VERSUS GOTTEN A PASS. BUT NO MORE BEGINNING JANUARY  
9 1ST WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COLLECT RESTITUTION AT THE COUNTY  
10 LEVEL. WE NOW NEED TO BUILD A SYSTEM FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN. I  
11 AM ASKING THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-WIDE WORKING GROUP  
12 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION OF  
13 RESTITUTION FROM LOCAL INMATES. I PROPOSE THAT THIS GROUP BE  
14 COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MY OFFICE, THE SHERIFF, THE  
15 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TREASURER TAX  
16 COLLECTOR, AND THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING  
17 COMMITTEE UNDER THEIR UMBRELLA. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN  
18 HELPING VICTIMS BECOME SURVIVORS. WE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 MUST DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO HELP VICTIMS AS MUCH AS  
20 THEY HELP ACHIEVE US. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT IN TALKING TO MY  
21 STAFF, IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE SOMEONE HAS COME TO THE BOARD  
22 TO ASK FOR MORE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS. I AM PROUD TODAY TO BE  
23 THAT PERSON WHO BEGINS TO DO THE ASK SO THAT WE CAN BETTER  
24 SERVE THESE PEOPLE WHO DID NOTHING WRONG OTHER THAN BE VICTIMS  
25 OF CRIMES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, FIRST I WANT TO THANK THE DISTRICT  
5 ATTORNEY AND HER STAFF AND WORKING ALONG WITH MY DEPUTY ON  
6 THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT WE HAVE NOW BEFORE US AND AS  
7 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INDICATED OF THE 45,000 WHO WERE VICTIMS  
8 OF CRIME, ONLY ABOUT 20,000 HAVE BEEN SERVED. THIS HIGHLIGHTS  
9 THE NEED TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
10 IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR THE VICTIMS WHOSE LIVES ARE DEEPLY  
11 AND NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, NOT JUST FOR THAT TIME BUT THROUGHOUT  
12 THEIR LIFE. YOUR STATEMENT STATES THAT THERE'S A NEED IN  
13 PROVIDING SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES,  
14 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FINANCIAL CRIMES. WHAT TYPE OF  
15 ASSISTANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THESE TYPES OF VICTIMS?

16  
17 **SPEAKER:** I WILL ASK DONNA WILLS THE DIRECTOR OF VICTIM-WITNESS  
18 ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS THAT.

19  
20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS THAT  
21 THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVED THIS YEAR, I WANT  
22 TO THANK THE BOARD FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, THE  
23 STATUS TO OF VICTIMS SERVICES BEFORE THE BOARD. IN REGARDS TO  
24 YOUR QUESTION ABOUT WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE CURRENTLY,  
25 CURRENTLY THE LINE SERVICES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. AS OUR REPORT

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1 POINTED OUT, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 47 VICTIM ADVOCATES AT 27  
2 VICTIM SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THEY WILL PROVIDE THE  
3 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PENAL CODE AS LISTED  
4 TO ANY VICTIM. WHAT SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY DOES IS ALLOWS A  
5 SPECIALIZED ADVOCATE WHO IS SPECIALLY TRAINED IN A PARTICULAR  
6 VULNERABLE VICTIM POPULATION TO CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP ADVOCACY SO  
7 THAT VICTIMS WILL NOT SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS AND ALSO TO  
8 PROVIDE THE VERTICAL ADVOCACY SO VICTIMS WILL NOT SLIP THROUGH  
9 THE CRACKS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD BE MADE  
12 AVAILABLE, WHAT ADDITIONAL SERVICES COULD BE?

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14 **SPEAKER:** THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAD THE  
15 EXPERIENCE THAT WE'VE HAD WITH ELDER ABUSE, FINANCIAL CRIME  
16 VICTIMS, THE SERVICES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR HATE CRIME  
17 VICTIM. SOMETIMES THESE VICTIMS HAVE TO FLEE FROM THEIR HOMES.  
18 THEY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED. HOWEVER, VICTIMS COMP MAY OR MAY  
19 NOT PROVIDE FOR THAT RELOCATION. AND THE ADVOCATE WOULD BE  
20 ABLE TO MAKE REFERRALS OF SHELTERS THAT MAY ACCEPT A SLIDING  
21 SCALE AND MAY BE FREE. THEY MAY MEET EMERGENT NEEDS SUCH AS  
22 FOOD AND CLOTHING IF THEY'RE ESCAPING FROM THEIR HOME. THE  
23 ADVOCATE IS THERE TO BE THE LIAISON WITH THE VICTIM AND OTHER  
24 SERVICE PROVIDERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE WRAP-AROUND  
25 SERVICES SO THAT THE VICTIM CAN REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPORT TELLS US THAT WE HAVE STARTED  
3 COLLECTING RESTITUTION EFFECTIVE JANUARY OF 2015 DUE TO THE  
4 CHANGES IN THE ASSEMBLY BILL 109 WHICH PREVIOUSLY DID NOT  
5 INCLUDE THE ABILITY TO COLLECT RESTITUTION. THE QUESTION IS:  
6 SINCE RE-ALIGNMENT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR OVER THREE YEARS,  
7 HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE RESTITUTION ORDERS FOR THE VICTIMS  
8 OF THAT PERIOD, FROM OCTOBER 2011 TO THE PRESENT?

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10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M LYDIA BODEN, I'M THE DEPUTY IN  
11 CHARGE OF THE RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. THE LOS ANGELES  
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SINCE THE PASSAGE OF RE-ALIGNMENT  
13 HAS DILIGENTLY GOTTEN COURT ORDERS FOR RESTITUTION ON BEHALF  
14 OF THE VICTIMS WHEN A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED. HOWEVER, ONE OF  
15 THE MANY EFFECTS OF RE-ALIGNMENT WAS THAT COUNTIES WERE NOT  
16 AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AT THE COUNTY LEVEL FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO  
17 PREVIOUSLY WENT TO STATE PRISON. SO IT'S A HUGE GAP, ACTUALLY.  
18 BIG, BIG GAP. SO WE'RE MISSING THE ABILITY TO COLLECT. THE LAW  
19 NOW HAS CAUGHT UP TO THAT GAP IN RE-ALIGNMENT. SO THE LAW  
20 AUTHORIZES COUNTIES NOW TO COLLECT. THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER  
21 CLASSES OF DEFENDANTS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED THAT WERE  
22 CREATED BY RE-ALIGNMENT. AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 2015, THE COUNTY  
23 OF LOS ANGELES AND EVERY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE OF  
24 CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF LEGAL SUPPORT TO  
25 COLLECT FROM DEFENDANT CLASSES CREATED BY RE-ALIGNMENT. IT IS

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1 A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. NOW, RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME. AND WHILE WE  
2 HAVE THE ABILITY TO STATUTORILY CREATED OPPORTUNITY, WHAT WE  
3 DON'T HAVE IS THE MECHANISM. IT'S LIKE HAVING A CAR BUT NOT  
4 HAVING A KEY TO TURN THAT ON. AND THAT'S REALLY WHY WE'RE HERE  
5 TODAY IS FOR THIS BOARD TO ADDRESS THAT GAP AND SO THAT  
6 VICTIMS IN THIS COUNTY CAN GET A MEANINGFUL CONSTITUTIONAL  
7 RIGHT, WHICH THEY'RE GIVEN BY THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO  
8 GET RESTITUTION, AND WHICH THEY SHOULD GET.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN THEY GO BACK TO 2011?

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12 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY. THERE'S NO REASON. I ALWAYS LIKE TO SAY  
13 THAT RESTITUTION ENJOYS THE SUNSHINE OF ETERNAL JURISDICTION.  
14 AND THERE WAS ALWAYS AN ABILITY TO COLLECT. AND THROUGH SOME  
15 VERY CREATIVE LEGISLATION PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST SESSION, WE  
16 ABSOLUTELY CAN DO THAT. IN FACT, WE DO IT ALL THE TIME. IF  
17 THERE WAS A GAP IN AN ORDER, WE ARE CURRENTLY GOING BACK AND  
18 GETTING ORDERS. BUT TODAY WE'RE ADDRESSING COLLECTION. SO YES,  
19 WE CAN.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIR, I HAVE A MOTION  
22 RELATIVE TO THE ITEM. ON JULY 29TH OUR BOARD HAD UNANIMOUSLY  
23 APPROVED MY MOTION REQUESTING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE  
24 A REPORT ABOUT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS UNDER THE  
25 CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND THE VICTIM WITNESS

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1 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IDENTIFYING GAPS IN THOSE PROGRAMS AND  
2 PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE CAN ENHANCE THESE SERVICES  
3 FOR THESE VICTIMS. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPORT OF NOVEMBER  
4 12TH HAS POINTED OUT THAT IN 2012 THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY  
5 45,000 VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME ALONE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6 BUT ASSISTANCE ONLY PROVIDED TO ABOUT 20,000 OF THESE VICTIMS  
7 ANNUALLY. THIS GAP IN SERVICES IS THE RESULT OF INADEQUATE  
8 STAFF WITHIN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DIRECT SERVICES DIVISION  
9 AND THE RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL  
10 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GAP AND SERVICE FOR THE PASSAGE OF MARCY'S  
11 LAW IN 2009 AND RE-ALIGNMENT A.B.109 IN 2011. THE BOARD SHOULD  
12 EMBRACE THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN HER  
13 REPORT. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE DISTRICT  
14 ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DEVELOP  
15 AND PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE VICTIM SERVICE STRATEGIC PLAN AT  
16 THE TIME SHE REPORTS BACK ON HER COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION  
17 PROGRAM FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE  
18 FOLLOWING COMPONENTS ALONG WITH A FISCAL ANALYSIS.  
19 ESTABLISHING A NEW VICTIM SITES ESPECIALLY IN SHERIFF'S  
20 STATIONS. EXPANDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF NONVIOLENT CRIMES  
21 WHILE CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF  
22 VIOLENCE AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE. INCREASING SERVICE LEVELS AT  
23 EXISTING SITES WHERE NECESSARY. ADDING SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY  
24 UNITS INCLUDING FOR VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
25 AND FINANCIAL CRIMES. INCREASING THE STAFF WITHIN THE

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1 RESTITUTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND IDENTIFYING GAPS IN  
2 SERVICES WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY-BASED  
3 ORGANIZATIONS. 2) DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO  
5 ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
6 FORMATION OF A LOCAL RESTITUTION COLLECTION SYSTEM WITH  
7 AUTHORITY TO COLLECT RESTITUTION FROM OFFENDERS SENTENCED  
8 UNDER PENAL CODE SECTION 1170-H. SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD BE  
9 CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
10 AND INCLUDE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES AS NECESSARY,  
11 INCLUDING OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE  
12 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE AND TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR.  
13 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH THE COUNTY AND/OR THE COURT  
14 COULD MITIGATE FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON VICTIMS EMANATING FROM  
15 PARTICIPATING IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE ABOVE AT THE SAME TIME THE  
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPORT IS DUE. SO THAT WOULD BE THE  
18 MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAD SOME  
21 QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. LET ME BEGIN BY  
24 ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPLAUDING THE LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT OF  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON ADVOCACY RELATED TO ASSISTANCE TO

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1 VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND THE SERVICES THAT THEY ARE IN  
2 NEED OF AND MANY RESPECTS ARE ENTITLED TO. OUR D.A. HAS MADE  
3 IT CLEAR THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS HAD AN  
4 OBVIOUS LONG-STANDING HISTORY OF COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING  
5 SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME, NOT JUST SIMPLY ON THE  
6 SIDE OF PROSECUTION BUT ON THE SIDE OF SERVICES THAT EASES  
7 THEIR BURDEN ONCE HAVING BEEN UNFAIRLY AND UNFORTUNATELY  
8 SUBJECTED TO CRIMINAL ACTS. THIS IS RATHER IMPORTANT. THERE  
9 SHOULD BE NO BIFURCATION WITH REGARD TO SEEKING JUSTICE AND  
10 PROVIDING SERVICES. THIS CAN BE DONE COMPREHENSIVELY AND  
11 CONSTITUTIONALLY AS IT RELATES TO PERPETRATORS AS WELL AS  
12 VICTIMS. IT ALL NEEDS TO BE DONE PROPERLY. SO APPROPRIATE  
13 SHOUT OUT TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED. MAY I ADDITIONALLY COMMENT  
14 WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THIS IS AN  
15 EXPENSIVE, MORE ROBUST LOOK AT HOW WE DO THE BUSINESS OF  
16 CRIMINAL JUSTICE. ADD THE NOTION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, MR.  
17 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS  
18 MOVING FORWARD IN A VERY APPROPRIATE AND PROGRESSIVE WAY. THAT  
19 WHICH YOU WILL HEAR ON THE MATTER OF DIVERSION AND  
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, INCLUDING MUCH MORE WITH  
21 RESPECT TO MENTAL HEALTH AND TAKING IT OUT OF THE CLOSET BUT  
22 PROPERLY SITUATING IT SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR BEST WORK ON  
23 BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THOSE  
24 WHO NEED OUR HELP AND SUPPORT. THIS IS A WAY IN WHICH WE BEGIN  
25 TO THINK ABOUT BEING SMART ON CRIME, BEING APPROPRIATE WITH



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1 RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT AND ULTIMATELY THE PREVENTION AND  
2 ERADICATION OF CRIME. AND SO I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE  
3 MOTION TODAY IS A PIECE OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT HOW  
4 THESE MATTERS ARE DEALT WITH. AND I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT  
5 AND CERTAINLY PLEASED TO HEAR AND SUPPORT THE WORK THAT'S  
6 BEING DONE ON DIVERSION, AS WELL. THESE, IN MY VIEW, ARE, IN  
7 FACT, RELATED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ON IT? OKAY, THANK YOU. NO  
10 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. I THINK I'M STAYING AND WE  
17 WILL DO THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION REPORT, IS THAT CORRECT,  
18 MR. CHAIRMAN?

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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22 **JACKIE LACEY:** WE'RE PLAYING MUSICAL CHAIRS HERE BUT I THINK  
23 WE'LL GET IT RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. OR MAYBE  
24 IT'S AFTERNOON. GOOD MORNING AGAIN THE CHAIRMAN, THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS, THIS IS AN INTERIM ORAL REPORT IN ADVANCE OF A

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1 MORE COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN REPORT THAT WE EXPECT TO DELIVER IN  
2 THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015. AFTER MY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, I  
3 WILL GIVE A REPORT ABOUT THE PROGRESS ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
4 MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP. AND I'LL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE  
5 SHORT-TERM FOCUS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT  
6 GOING FORWARD AND, FINALLY, THERE ARE FOUR BRIEF REPORTS ABOUT  
7 SOME EXCITING PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE FROM FOUR MEMBERS,  
8 FOUR DIFFERENT SECTIONS, REPRESENT FOUR DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF  
9 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT THAT I BELIEVE YOU  
10 WILL FIND NOTEWORTHY. PARTICULARLY THAT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 MENTAL HEALTH. SO TODAY I AM PRESENTING THIS ORAL REPORT, A  
12 DRAFT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES AND  
13 IS KNOWN COMMONLY AS THE GAINS REPORT, PREPARED BY THE POLICY  
14 RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS PART OF SAMSA. SAMSA STANDS FOR  
15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND  
16 IT OPERATES UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
17 HUMAN SERVICES. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE POLICYMAKERS  
18 AND EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES EXAMINING THE PROCESS FROM  
19 THE FIRST RESPONDER TO THE LAST POINT OF CONTACT IN THE JAIL  
20 WITH THE IDEA OF BREAKING DOWN THE COMMUNICATION BARRIERS  
21 WHICH PREVENT A MENTALLY ILL JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED PERSON  
22 FROM GETTING THE PROPER HELP. THIS REPORT FOLLOWS OUR MAY 28TH  
23 SUMMIT AS WELL AS OUR JULY 8TH MAPPING EXERCISE. LOS ANGELES  
24 COUNTY HAS MANY RESOURCES ALREADY IN PLACE FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
25 MENTALLY ILL. YET, THERE ARE STILL GAPS IN SERVICE AND UNJUST

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1 RESULTS OCCURRING IN CASES THAT INVOLVED RELATIVELY MINOR  
2 OFFENSES BY THOSE WHO ARE UNQUESTIONABLY SUFFERING FROM MENTAL  
3 ILLNESS. TOO OFTEN OUR DEFAULT POSITION IS TO LOCK MENTALLY  
4 ILL PEOPLE AWAY BECAUSE OF A PERCEPTION THAT THERE IS NO  
5 ALTERNATIVE. WELL, THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. WE JUST NEED TO  
6 DEDICATE RESOURCES TO EXPANDING THE CAPACITY OF THOSE  
7 ALTERNATIVES. THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TODAY IS THAT WE  
8 NEED TO COORDINATE OUR RESOURCES AND EXPAND THE CAPACITY TO  
9 TREAT THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION OF MENTALLY ILL CRIMINAL  
10 OFFENDERS. THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL BE  
11 TO COORDINATE THE VARIOUS RESOURCES, MUCH LIKE JUDGE STEVEN  
12 LIFEMAN, OF MIAMI DADE, THE ROLE OF THE D.A. IS TO SERVE AS  
13 THE CATALYST FOR BRINGING CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS TOGETHER.  
14 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL FACILITATE COMMUNICATION  
15 BETWEEN THE NECESSARY PARTNERS TO EXPAND ALTERNATIVES AND  
16 BREAK DOWN SILOS. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, THE D.A.'S OFFICE  
17 HAS EMBRACED ITS ROLE BY HOSTING THE SUMMIT AND THE MAPPING  
18 EXERCISE AND MONTHLY MEETINGS. AND IN THE FUTURE WILL BE THE  
19 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THIS COUNTY FOR  
20 TRAINING THEM ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL.  
21 WE HAVE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT MIAMI DADE, SAN ANTONIO  
22 TEXAS, AND I PERSONALLY HAVE VISITED THE MEMPHIS PROGRAM. WE  
23 HAVE LEARNED THAT THIS WILL ONLY WORK IF WE'RE ALL IN ON THIS  
24 COLLABORATION EFFORT. EVERYONE, FROM POLICE, PARAMEDICS,  
25 PROSECUTORS, D.M.H., HEALTH SERVICES, DEFENSE LAWYERS,

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1 PROBATION, THE COURTS, THE BOARD, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE  
2 COMMUNITY AT LARGE MUST SUPPORT THIS EFFORT FOR IT TO WORK.  
3 ANY ONE OF THEM COULD DERAIL IT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE  
4 ENTHUSIASM AND THE COMMITMENT TO THIS GROUP, I WANT TO TEMPER  
5 OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR A QUICK FIX. PROGRESS WILL TAKE TIME.  
6 MIAMI DADE IS STILL REFINING THEIR PROGRAM AFTER 12 YEARS. SAN  
7 ANTONIO IS EXPERIENCING A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE. I THINK IT'S  
8 IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALIZE THAT WE MUST ESTABLISH AT THE  
9 OUTSET MODEST AND ACHIEVABLE GOALS. WE HAVE SOME SUCCESSFUL  
10 PILOT PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALTERNATIVES FOR WOMEN AND VETS. AND  
11 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD EXPAND THESE PROGRAMS WHICH  
12 ALSO HELP THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS  
13 LARGE AND VERY COMPLEX. THE MORE WE PROBE THE ISSUES, THE MORE  
14 MULTI-LAYERED THEY BECOME. THE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO ADD MEMBERS  
15 FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS THE NEED ARISES. CURRENTLY,  
16 AND I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE CURRENT COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT THIS,  
17 THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A MEMBER OF COUNTY COUNSEL TO HELP US  
18 NAVIGATE HIPAA, THAT IS THE FEDERAL PRIVACY INFORMATION LAWS  
19 THAT MAY PRECLUDE SOME SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN  
20 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
21 HOSPITAL PERSONNEL IN THE JAIL. THE GROUP HAS MET MONTHLY FOR  
22 NEARLY A YEAR. MOTIVATION AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PROJECT  
23 REMAINS HIGH. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTYWIDE  
24 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE MARK DELGADO HAS BEEN  
25 COLLABORATING WITH OUR GROUP AND HAS PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE

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1 SUPPORT. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP  
2 TO DEVELOP TRAINING FOR THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT  
3 NEED IT AND TO SHARE INFORMATION. CHIEF JIM SMITH, WHO  
4 REPRESENTS L.A. COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AS THE VICE  
5 PRESIDENT, WILL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THIS WORKING GROUP  
6 TODAY. WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS WE CREATED A  
7 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT'S DIVERSION  
8 AND ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PILOT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM  
9 PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND WRAP-AROUND TREATMENT FOR THE  
10 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND THE MENTALLY ILL LOW LEVEL CRIMINAL  
11 OFFENDERS. THIS WAS A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE CAN DO IN  
12 A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. IT TOOK A MERE 44 DAYS FROM MY FIRST  
13 MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY TO ASSIGN M.O.U. AND  
14 ACTUALLY LAUNCHING THIS PROGRAM. WE ALL HAVE A REPORT FROM THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND WE SUPPORT THEIR REQUEST TO  
16 OPEN UP URGENT CARE CENTERS AND DO MORE TO CREATE CRISIS  
17 INTERVENTION TEAMS. NOW, THE SHORT-TERM FOCUS OF C.J.M.H.P.,  
18 WHICH IS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT GOING  
19 FORWARD IS FIRST TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY IS IN NEED OF MORE CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM TRAINING.  
21 CHIEF SMITH WILL DISCUSS THIS IN FURTHER DETAIL. TRAINING IS  
22 NEEDED FOR PATROL OFFICERS, CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE AND FIRE,  
23 WHICH INCLUDES E.M.T. AND PARAMEDICS. TRAINING IS ALSO NEEDED  
24 FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS THE D.A. THE PUBLIC  
25 DEFENDER, AND INDIGENT DEFENSE COUNSELS AS WELL AS A.P.D. AND

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1 MORE IMPORTANTLY THE COURTS. THIS TRAINING IS NEEDED BECAUSE  
2 THERE IS UNEVEN UTILIZATION OF D.M.H.'S COURT LINKAGE PROGRAM.  
3 THE D.M.H. COURT LINKAGE PROGRAM IS ALREADY EMBEDDED IN 22  
4 COURTHOUSES. BUT YOU'LL FIND PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
5 SYSTEM WHO STILL DO NOT KNOW IT EXISTS. WINSTON PETERS FROM  
6 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE WILL ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE  
7 PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN ORDER TO SERVE THIS POPULATION. I BELIEVE  
8 MOST OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE  
9 HOMELESS UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.  
10 THE L.A. D.A.'S OFFICE WILL PROVIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE  
11 AS A TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT NEXT YEAR. THE INFORMATION  
12 SHARING AND DATA ANALYSIS WILL ALSO BE OUR FOCUS. A WORKING  
13 GROUP IS BEING DEVELOPED THAT SHOULD INCLUDE THE L.A. D.A.'S  
14 OFFICE, D.M.H., L.A.S.D., I. SAB AND THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF  
15 INFORMATION. WE NEED TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR A MORE  
16 COMPREHENSIVE AND AGGRAVATED INFORMATION FOR DATA TRACKING AND  
17 ANALYSIS. NOW I WILL PRESENT TO YOU REMARKS FROM DR. ROBIN  
18 CANE, WESLEY FORD, CHIEF JIM SMITH AND WINSTON PETERS. MR.  
19 PETERS?

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S  
22 OFFICE IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER AND SUPPORTER OF THE CRIMINAL  
23 JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT COMMITTEE. IT CONTINUES TO BE A  
24 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH SUCH A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF  
25 STAKEHOLDERS UNDER THE VERY ABLE LEADERSHIP AND CHAIRMANSHIP

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1 OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY. ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER  
2 TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE STRATEGIES TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS  
3 MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, AS THE LARGEST PUBLIC DEFENDER  
5 OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES, REALIZES THAT IN ORDER TO  
6 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF MENTALLY ILL CLIENTS IN THE  
7 JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE MUST CONTINUE TO EMBRACE A  
8 MULTIDISCIPLINARY, HOLISTIC VISION OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATION  
9 THAT FOCUSES NOT ONLY ON THE ZEALOUS REPRESENTATION ON THE  
10 LEGAL CASE BUT WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH JUSTICE SYSTEMS  
11 STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS EMPLOY BEST PRACTICE MODELS TO  
12 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CAUSES THAT BRING TROUBLED  
13 INDIVIDUALS INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THESE AFFLICTIONS INCLUDE  
14 MENTAL ILLNESS, CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, DEVELOPMENTAL  
15 DISABILITIES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HOMELESSNESS AND ABUSE AND  
16 TRAUMA. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THESE  
17 PERVASIVE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES THAT OUR CLIENTS OFTEN CONFRONT  
18 WITH APPROPRIATE TREATMENT AND SERVICES NOT ONLY DURING  
19 DEPENDENCY OF THE CASE IN THE COURTROOM BUT UPON THEIR RE-  
20 ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IS  
21 UNIQUELY POSITIONED AS LEGAL COUNSEL OF RECORD ON THE MAJORITY  
22 OF CASES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO ADVOCATE FOR  
23 CLIENTS ON THESE ISSUES. AND WE HAVE BEEN A LONG-STANDING  
24 LEADER WORKING IN TANDEM WITH OTHER JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS IN  
25 ADVOCATING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG COURTS, THE WOMEN'S



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1 REENTRY COURT, THE VETERAN COURTS, AMONG OTHER MODELS TO  
2 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. FOR THESE REASONS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
3 MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON PROJECT PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED  
4 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION REPRESENTS A UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE  
5 COLLABORATION AMONG THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE SHERIFF'S  
6 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. UNDER THIS  
7 PROPOSAL, PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS AND RESOURCE ATTORNEYS  
8 SPECIALIZING IN MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY BOTH EMPLOYED BY THE  
9 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE WHO ARE EITHER EMBEDDED AT THE COUNTY  
10 JAIL OR WORKING AT A NEARBY LOCATION WOULD VISIT AND INTERACT  
11 MORE REGULARLY WITH OUR DETAINED CLIENTS HOUSED IN THE COUNTY  
12 JAIL MENTAL HEALTH WARDS. THEY WOULD ALSO CLOSELY COLLABORATE  
13 WITH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AT THE COUNTY JAIL,  
14 REVIEWING RECORDS RELATING TO CLIENTS' MENTAL HEALTH STATUS  
15 AND COMMUNICATE RELEVANT INFORMATION IN REAL TIME TO ASSIGNED  
16 DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS REPRESENTING CLIENTS ON PENDING CASES  
17 IN COURTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS MODEL OF HOLISTIC LEGAL  
18 REPRESENTATION FACILITATES IMPROVED LINES OF COMMUNICATION  
19 BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY AND CLIENT, INCLUDING THE COURT SYSTEM,  
20 AND PROMOTES EFFICIENCIES THAT WILL RESULT IN MORE TIMELY  
21 DIVERSION OF MENTALLY ILL CLIENTS OUT OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND  
22 THE RESOLUTION OF APPROPRIATE CASES. THIS MODEL ALSO  
23 FACILITATES MORE MEANINGFUL AND INFORMED ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN  
24 THE ATTORNEY AND THE FAMILY OF THE MENTALLY ILL CLIENT. THE  
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON PROJECT PROPOSAL ALSO

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1 CONTEMPLATES PUBLIC DEFENDER PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS AND  
2 PARALEGALS COLLABORATING WITH STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS TO LINK OUR  
3 MENTALLY ILL CLIENTS IN THEIR TRANSITION FROM THE COURT SYSTEM  
4 TO AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF  
5 TREATMENT AND SERVICES UPON THEIR RELEASE IN AREAS THAT  
6 INCLUDE HOUSING, VETERANS SERVICES AND AFTER CARE. FINALLY,  
7 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FULLY SUPPORTS THE COMMITTEE'S  
8 RECOMMENDATION FOR TRAINING AND CROSS-TRAINING AMONG ALL  
9 JUSTICE SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS, AS WELL AS PUBLIC  
10 EDUCATION ON THE SCIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS  
11 THE FEAR AND STIGMA OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH ITS PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 AFFLICTION. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ALSO SUPPORTS REGULAR  
13 COLLABORATION ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND DISCIPLINES IN  
14 SEARCH OF BEST PRACTICE MODELS THAT PROMOTE WELL-BEING,  
15 DIVERSION AND OTHER POSITIVE, COST-EFFECTIVE TREATMENT  
16 OUTCOMES FOR MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
17 WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CRIMINAL  
18 JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR  
19 CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT GROUNDBREAKING  
20 EFFORT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD. MY NAME IS JIM SMITH AND I'M THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE  
24 CITY OF MONTERREY PARK. I REPRESENT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
25 POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ON THE COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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1 MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE. AND TODAY I AM REPRESENTING THE  
2 TASKFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP WHICH INCLUDES THE LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, LONG BEACH POLICE  
4 DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALL OF OUR AGENCIES ARE COMMITTED  
6 TO IMPROVING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE AND INTERACTION WITH  
7 PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CRISIS AND  
8 THEIR FAMILIES. OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP RECENTLY MET  
9 TO DISCUSS THE TRAINING NEEDS FOR OUR AGENCIES, LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS AND IDENTIFY NEEDS. THE  
11 TRAINING COMPONENT DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE TYPE OF TRAINING  
12 CLASSES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, THE TRAINING THAT IS ALREADY ON  
13 GOING IN AGENCIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF PARTNERSHIPS, PRIMARILY  
14 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
15 EXPERIENCES OF AGENCIES AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WITH  
16 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE SERVICE DELIVERY OF  
17 TRAINING PROGRAMS TO AGENCIES VARYING IN SIZE FROM SMALL  
18 DEPARTMENTS TO VERY LARGE DEPARTMENTS. THE WORKING GROUP IS IN  
19 THE PROCESS OF FORMING AN AD HOC CURRICULUM COMMITTEE THAT  
20 WILL REPRESENT ALL OF US TO COLLABORATE ON TRAINING NEEDS,  
21 CURRICULUM AND COST. THEY WILL ALSO BE IDENTIFYING TRAINING  
22 PROVIDERS THROUGH RESOURCES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND WORKING WITH  
23 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE TO  
24 DELIVER THE TRAINING. THE GOAL OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO HAVE  
25 STANDARDIZED RECOMMENDED TRAINING THAT CAN BE DELIVERED TO ALL

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1 OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. CURRENTLY THERE ARE A NUMBER  
2 OF CO-DEPLOYED TEAMS WHICH PARTNER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
3 WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN. THIS MODEL IS USED IN MANY  
4 DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOS  
5 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SANTA MONICA, BURBANK, LONG  
6 BEACH, PASADENA AND ALHAMBRA POLICE DEPARTMENTS JUST TO NAME A  
7 FEW. THERE ARE ALSO REGIONAL TEAMS THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED WITH  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE SOUTH BAY AND SOUTHEAST  
9 AREAS OF THE COUNTY. IT IS THE GOAL OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
10 GROUP TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT TEAMS AND LOOK TO EXPAND THE  
11 NUMBER OF CO-DEPLOYED TEAMS IN THE COUNTY. THE TRAINING AND  
12 CO-DEPLOYED TEAMS I SPOKE OF WILL ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN  
13 IMPROVING ITS RESPONSE AND INTERACTION WITH PERSONS IN CRISIS;  
14 HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO FACE A CAPACITY PROBLEM. THIS MEANS A  
15 LACK OF CRISIS CENTERS, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SOBERING  
16 CENTERS FOR PERSONS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS. OUR LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ARE EAGER TO HELP PEOPLE. BUT WE NEED TO  
18 HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE. THIS INCLUDES HAVING  
19 CRISIS CENTERS WHERE OFFICERS CAN COMPLETE THE INTAKE PROCESS  
20 AND BE BACK ON THE STREET IN 15 MINUTES RATHER THAN HOURS.  
21 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS SEEN IN SOME OF THE MODEL PROGRAMS  
22 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DISTRICT  
23 ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY FOR BRINGING TOGETHER THIS DIVERSE GROUP  
24 OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
25 HEALTH AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO FORM THE COUNTYWIDE

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE. THE IMPROVEMENTS TO  
2 OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND GOALS THAT  
3 WE WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE WILL NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. WILL IT  
4 TAKE YEARS OF EFFORT TO GET OUR SYSTEM WHERE IT SHOULD BE. WE  
5 HAVE SEEN THESE EFFORTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY THAT  
6 HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL DUE TO SUSTAINED EFFORTS OVER 10 TO 12  
7 YEARS OF PROGRAMS BEING IN PLACE. BECAUSE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
8 LACEY'S LEADERSHIP I BELIEVE THIS IS ACHIEVABLE FOR OUR  
9 COUNTY, AS WELL. I THANK THE BOARD IN ADVANCE FOR ITS SUPPORT.  
10 THANK YOU.

11  
12 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** GOOD MORNING. DR. ROBIN KAY HERE FOR DR. MARVIN  
13 SOUTHARD FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
14 HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS RECEIVED AND  
15 REVIEWED THE GAINS REPORT ON JAIL DIVERSION FOR LOS ANGELES  
16 WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT MANY INITIATIVES EXIST WITHIN L.A. TO  
17 INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH  
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS. THE GAINS CONSULTANTS URGED LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY TO TAKE AND ADAPT AND EXPAND APPROACH, BUILDING  
20 ON THE FOUNDATION YOUR BOARD HAS ESTABLISHED. D.M.H. HAS MOVED  
21 FORWARD TO CAPITALIZE UPON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN  
22 SUPPORT THIS ADAPT AND EXPAND APPROACH. MORE SPECIFICALLY,  
23 SHOULD YOUR BOARD APPROVE ITEM 18 THIS MORNING, WE WILL BEGIN  
24 IMMEDIATELY TO EXPAND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS AND  
25 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN

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1 MENTIONED AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WE WILL ADD TWO PSYCHIATRIC  
2 RESPONSE TEAMS AND NINE LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS TO THE EXISTING  
3 30 LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING. WE WILL  
4 IMMEDIATELY INITIATE A SOLICITATION PROCESS THAT WILL ENABLE  
5 US TO CREATE THREE ADDITIONAL URGENT CARE CENTERS IN ADDITION  
6 TO THE FOUR THAT CURRENTLY EXIST AND UP TO 35 CRISIS  
7 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THESE PROGRAMS  
8 WILL BEGIN TO COME ONLINE IN THE MIDDLE OF 2015. INITIALLY WE  
9 ARE PROPOSING THAT TWO OF THESE URGENT CARE CENTERS MAY SERVE  
10 AS AN ENTRY POINT INTO MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR  
11 INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AS HAVING  
12 SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AT THE POINT OF ARREST.  
13 A BOARD LETTER COVERING THE SECOND SET OF PROGRAMS TO BE  
14 FUNDED BY S.B.82 WILL COME TO YOU IN THE COMING MONTHS AND  
15 WILL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDING THE  
16 ESTABLISHMENT OF 14 DIVERSION OR JAIL IN REACH TEAMS THAT CAN  
17 SUPPLEMENT OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH COMPREHENSIVE, PRERELEASE  
18 PLANNING AND LINKAGE WITH SPECIALIZED COMMUNITY-BASED  
19 PROGRAMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A BEGINNING, AND WE LOOK  
20 FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED WORK WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE  
21 LACEY AND THE C.E.O. TO CONTINUE TO ANALYZE AND QUANTIFY THE  
22 EXPANSION OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE JAIL DIVERSION  
23 PROGRAM. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE INVOLVED, AND WE THANK DISTRICT  
24 ATTORNEY LACEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND HER VISION.

25

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1 **WESLEY FORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WESLEY FORD AND I'M  
2 HERE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
4 CONTROL PROGRAM HAS CONDUCTED ANALYSIS OF OUR EXISTING  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS SUCH AS  
6 ADULT DRUG COURTS AND THE D.M.H. URGENT CARE CENTERS THAT  
7 PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. OR POPULATIONS THAT  
8 WOULD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS. BASED  
9 UPON D.P.H. SAPC'S PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT, WE IDENTIFIED AN  
10 IMMEDIATE NEED TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FOR RESIDENTIAL DETOX  
11 AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES FOR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL  
12 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. WE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE NEED  
13 FOR SOBERING CENTERS WHICH WOULD ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT TO  
14 DIVERT INTOXICATED OR HIGH ALERT INDIVIDUALS TO THESE CENTERS  
15 RATHER THAN TO JAILS, URGENT CARE CENTERS OR E.R.S. THE  
16 CLIENTS WOULD REMAIN FOR A MAXIMUM OF 23 HOURS TO ALLOW  
17 ASSESSMENT AND LINKAGE INTO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT  
18 SERVICES. AND I WOULD JUST ADD TO THIS THAT SAN FRANCISCO AND  
19 SAN DIEGO HAVE HAD SOBERING CENTERS FOR A WHILE WHICH HAVE  
20 PROVEN TO BE VERY COST-EFFECTIVE AND ALSO HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE  
21 IN GETTING INDIVIDUALS INTO SERVICES AND HAVING GOOD OUTCOMES  
22 WITH THOSE SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY D.P.H. SAPC IS WORKING WITH  
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROJECT THAT WILL  
24 AUGMENT THE SHERIFF'S EDUCATION-BASED INCARCERATION PROGRAM TO  
25 INCLUDE EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG EDUCATION AND SUBSTANCE USE



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1 TREATMENT PROGRAMS TO THE 3-N POPULATION. NONVIOLENT, NON-  
2 SERIOUS, AND NONSEXUAL OFFENDERS. AND A COMMUNITY-BASED DRUG  
3 TREATMENT BED PILOT THAT WOULD ALLOW THE ELIGIBLE 3-N FEMALE  
4 POPULATION TO COMPLETE THE LAST 90 DAYS OF THEIR SENTENCE IN A  
5 COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FACILITY. WE WILL BE  
6 COMING TO YOUR BOARD IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO RECEIVE  
7 APPROVAL AND TO IMPLEMENT THESE TWO PILOT PROJECTS THAT I JUST  
8 MENTIONED. I'D ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT PRIOR TO THE A.C.A. AND  
9 THE RECENTLY APPROVED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT, THE ONLY MEDICAL  
10 BENEFIT FOR SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT WERE PERINATAL AND  
11 METHADONE DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES. THE 18 TO 64-YEAR-OLD  
12 CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR OUTPATIENT  
13 SERVICES IN COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND HOSPITAL-  
14 BASED DETOX ALONG WITH THE SERVICES BEFORE. AGAIN, I WOULD  
15 JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE FOR  
16 INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE IS VERY LIMITED, STILL. AND,  
17 FINALLY, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT D.P.H. AND SAPC IS  
18 COLLABORATING WITH THE STATE ON DEVELOPING THE 1115 D.M.C.  
19 WAIVER WHICH IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP AN ORGANIZED DELIVERY  
20 SYSTEM FOR ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. THE STATE HAS  
21 RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM C.M.S. TO INCLUDE A 90-DAY  
22 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES AND WAIVER WHICH WOULD REMOVE  
23 THE 16-BED I.M.D. EXCLUSION ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN A BARRIER TO  
24 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER MEDI-CAL. THE STATE ALSO INCLUDES  
25 RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES, MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT AND

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1 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE PROPOSED 1115 D.M.C. WAIVER.  
2 THE COUNTY, AS YOU MAY KNOW OR MAY NOT KNOW, THE WAIVER WILL  
3 BE AN OPT-IN OR OPT-OUT. COUNTIES WILL HAVE A CHOICE AS TO  
4 WHETHER THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE. BUT IF THE COUNTY SHOULD OPT  
5 IN TO THE D.M.C. WAIVER, IT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THE  
6 DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE DIVERSION POPULATION  
7 UNDER MEDI-CAL. THE STATE IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO SUBMIT THE  
8 WAIVER TO C.M.S. BY THE END OF NOVEMBER. AND C.M.S. HAS 120  
9 DAYS TO RESPOND TO THE STATE'S PROPOSAL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
10 KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF THIS WAIVER AS IT WOULD  
11 ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SERVICES THAT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER  
12 DRUG MEDI-CAL. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO THANK DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
13 LACEY FOR THE EFFORT SHE HAS PUT INTO BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER  
14 AND FOR FOCUSING ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT  
15 COMPONENT OF THE ABILITY TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM WITHIN THE JAIL  
16 POPULATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17  
18 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS  
19 OF THE BOARD?

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LEADERSHIP WHERE WE ENGAGE THE LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ESCALATE THESE TYPES OF CRISES THAT  
23 THEY ENCOUNTER INVOLVING THE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IS  
24 VERY POSITIVE AND IT'S A PROGRAM THAT I KNOW THE FORMER CHIEF  
25 OF POLICE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HELPED BRING ABOUT AND WHO

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1 IS NOW SERVING AS A COUNCILMAN IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA. BUT  
2 CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING DOES ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF OUR  
3 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON THE  
4 STREET. AND THIS IS A BENEFIT NOT ONLY FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL  
5 ILLNESS WHO WOULD PERHAPS NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY TREATMENT  
6 THAT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE RECEIVE FROM THEIR COMMUNITY OR  
7 THEIR FAMILIES, HOWEVER THE KEY IS ACCESSING TREATMENT AND  
8 STAYING IN TREATMENT IS A VERY BIG CHALLENGE FOR THE FAMILIES  
9 OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR COUNTY. TO HELP THE  
10 ADVOCATES AND OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH OUR  
11 LEGISLATORS, THE CURRENT LAWS HAVE TOO MANY RESTRICTIONS WHEN  
12 IT COMES TO MANDATING TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THE  
13 CAPACITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN. AND DATA SHARING IS  
14 ALSO VITAL AND COMES WITH ITS OWN CHALLENGES, BUT THOSE  
15 CHALLENGES COULD BE OVERCOME WITH THE RIGHT SAFEGUARDS.  
16 SHARING INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE SUMMIT HOSTED BY OUR  
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHEDS THE LIGHT ON WHAT IS BEING DONE AS  
18 WELL AS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE FUTURE. WITHOUT SUCH A  
19 FORMAL AND FOCUSED PROCESS, MANY ARE UNAWARE OF THE EXISTING  
20 PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WITH  
21 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THEIR LINKAGE PROGRAM IN 22  
22 OF OUR COURTS. THE ISSUE IS COMPLEX BUT MANY OTHER ISSUES  
23 FACING OUR COUNTY LIKE THE ISSUE OF JAIL POPULATION MANAGEMENT  
24 IS A COMPLEX ISSUE. THE FACT IS THAT OVER 4,300 OFFENDERS ARE  
25 RELEASED EARLY EVERY YEAR, ADDITIONALLY THE OVERCROWDING



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1    CONDITION HAS FORCED THE COUNTY TO EXCEED ITS STATE RATED  
2    CAPACITY BY ANOTHER 4,000. NO FORM OF DIVERSION WILL BE  
3    SUCCESSFUL ABSENT AVAILABLE JAIL BEDS. SO FOR THE DISTRICT  
4    ATTORNEY, BASED UPON YOUR FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE AND INSIGHT ON  
5    DOWNTOWN JAIL, DO YOU AGREE THAT WE NEED TO REPLACE THAT  
6    FACILITY?

7

8    **JACKIE LACEY:** I ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT THE FACILITY THAT THE  
9    BOARD HAS VOTED TO REPLACE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. IT'S BROKEN  
10   DOWN. IT'S UNFIT EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT MENTALLY ILL. IT  
11   DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BASED UPON YOUR FINDINGS SO FAR DO YOU THINK  
14   THE SHERIFF'S JAIL CAPACITY NEEDS WILL DRAMATICALLY CHANGE AS  
15   IT RELATES TO INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS GIVEN THE EXISTING  
16   MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF  
17   TREATMENT BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY?

18

19   **JACKIE LACEY:** I HAVE TO QUALIFY MY STATEMENT BY SAYING,  
20   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I OF COURSE AM NOT IN CHARGE OF  
21   MANAGING THE JAIL, BUT GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
22   RELEASED FAR SHORT OF THEIR SENTENCES, I WOULD SAY THAT WE  
23   WOULD ESSENTIALLY MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S ROOM IN THE JAIL FOR  
24   THE PEOPLE WHO BELONG THERE. ANT THAT WOULD BE THOSE WOULD BE  
25   THOSE WHO WILLFULLY COMMIT CRIMINAL ACTS AND CERTAINLY THERE

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1 IS WITHOUT A DOUBT A SECTION OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL WHO  
2 ARE VIOLENT AND DANGEROUS WHO SHOULD BE IN THAT SETTING. BUT  
3 IT ALLOWS US TO TREAT THEM MORE HUMANELY, PROVIDE MORE  
4 RESOURCES FOR THEM AND STOP, REALLY, PUNISHING THOSE PEOPLE  
5 WHO COMMIT LOW LEVEL OFFENSES, SUCH AS MISDEMEANOR AND LOW  
6 LEVEL FELONIES AND HAVING THEM TAKE UP THAT VALUABLE BED  
7 SPACE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO COMMEND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON  
10 THIS REPORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE WRITTEN REPORTS ON THIS  
11 AND THE VICTIMS' SERVICES THAT WE WILL RECEIVE EARLY NEXT  
12 YEAR. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JACKIE. ZEV?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. FIRST OF  
17 ALL, YOU'RE NOT ENDORSING ANY PARTICULAR MODEL OF THE JAIL.

18

19 **JACKIE LACEY:** I AM DEFINITELY NOT ENDORSING.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I LISTENED CAREFULLY WHO YOU SAID AND I WANT  
22 TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. WHETHER WE BUILD A \$2 BILLION OR \$1  
23 BILLION JAIL IS NOT WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO. CLEARLY WE ALL  
24 AGREE THAT THE EXISTING FACILITY IS RUN DOWN AND NOT FIT FOR  
25 ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE.

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1  
2 **JACKIE LACEY:** ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WE REPLACE IT WITH IS STILL A QUESTION  
5 MARK. THE SECOND THING IS IN TERMS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM AND  
6 WHAT IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE, I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT CAPACITY IS  
7 AN ISSUE. IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED INSTITUTIONS THAT WE HAVE,  
8 THE COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICS AND PROVIDERS THAT WE HAVE ARE NOT  
9 ENOUGH TO HANDLE WHAT WE'D LIKE TO HANDLE BUT THAT DOESN'T  
10 MEAN WE DON'T DO IT. WHAT WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO DO IS DRIVE  
11 AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY AS PART OF THIS OVERALL, OVERARCHING  
12 PROGRAM. CLEARLY IF YOU'RE GOING TO -- IF YOU ONLY HAVE THE  
13 CAPACITY TO TREAT 100 PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING BUT  
14 YOU HAVE 300 PEOPLE YOU WANT TO TREAT, THEN YOU CREATE THE  
15 CAPACITY FOR THE ADDITIONAL 200. THAT'S OUR JOB. THAT'S  
16 WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR TASKFORCE. AND I THINK THE WHOLE  
17 UNDERPINNING OF THIS IS FROM MY POINT OF VIEW AND I THINK FROM  
18 YOUR POINT OF VIEW, TOO, IS THAT THE COST OF DOING THAT IS FAR  
19 LESS THAN THE COST OF MENTAL HEALTH -- OF TREATING MENTALLY  
20 ILL PATIENTS, INMATES IN OUR PRISONS. THE COST OF JUST  
21 CHECKING SOMEBODY IN TO ONE OF OUR BEDS IN THE PRISONS IS  
22 PROBABLY GREATER THAN THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL. SO WHAT WE'RE  
23 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS A WAY NOT ONLY MORE HUMANE BUT ALSO  
24 MORE COST-EFFECTIVE WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN THE UNDERPINNING OF  
25 WHAT YOU BROUGHT TO US IN THE FIRST PLACE. I JUST WANT TO SAY

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1 BECAUSE IT WILL BE MY LAST OPPORTUNITY HERE TO THANK YOU FOR  
2 TWO THINGS. NUMBER 1 FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS. I THINK IT'S  
3 ONE THING FOR A NON LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO  
4 ADVOCATE FOR THIS SORT OF THING. IT'S ANOTHER THING WHEN ONE  
5 OF THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF OUR COUNTY, IN YOUR  
6 CASE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, GIVES THIS THE IMPRIMATUR OF  
7 ACCEPTABILITY. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY CRITICAL IN  
8 THE POLITICAL SPHERE. BECAUSE ULTIMATELY THIS IS A POLITICAL  
9 DECISION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DISTRICT  
10 ATTORNEY IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE, THE COURTS ARE GOING TO  
11 HAVE TO MAKE AND ALL; BUT HAVING YOU ON THE FRONT END OF THIS  
12 HAS BEEN A GAME CHANGER AS FAR AS THE DIVERSION DISCUSSION HAS  
13 BEEN CONCERNED. UP UNTIL THAT POINT, IT WAS JUST A LOT OF  
14 RHETORIC. BUT YOU HAVE MADE IT -- I MEAN, YOU GAVE ME THE  
15 MOTIVATION TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THIS BECAUSE I THOUGHT  
16 THERE COULD ACTUALLY BE A RESULT. WE'RE NOT JUST PASSING  
17 MOTIONS THAT IS GO NO WHEREAS WE SOMETIMES TEND TO DO. AND I'M  
18 VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT. AND THE SECOND THING I WANT TO THANK  
19 YOU FOR IS BRINGING YOUR TEAM TOGETHER, BOTH INTERNALLY IN  
20 YOUR OFFICE AND BILL HODGEMAN AND THE OTHER PEOPLE IN YOUR  
21 OFFICE WHO HAVE JUST BEEN INCREDIBLE TO WORK WITH. YOU MENTION  
22 44 DAYS TO GET THE M.O.U. DONE. THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU HAD  
23 PEOPLE LIKE HODGEMAN AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAD HIS PEOPLE  
24 AND DAVE WESLEY AT THE COURTS HAD HIS PEOPLE. AND YOU HAVE  
25 MANAGED TO BRING BY YOUR EXAMPLE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE KEY



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1 PLAYERS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BOTH IN THE PROSECUTION  
2 SIDE, THE DEFENSE SIDE AND THE JUDICIAL SIDE AND OF COURSE IN  
3 THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE AND THE PRIVATE PROVIDER SIDE AND YOU  
4 BROUGHT THEM ALL AND THEY'VE LEFT THEIR DEPARTMENTAL SEALS AT  
5 THE DOOR AND THEY WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO GET A PRODUCT DONE.  
6 AND UNFORTUNATELY I THINK WE ALL SHARE THIS FRUSTRATION, THAT  
7 DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN ENOUGH IN GOVERNMENT, AND EVEN IN OUR OWN  
8 GOVERNMENT. BUT IT JUST HAS DEMONSTRATED TO ME AS I WALK OUT  
9 THE DOOR, IT'S BEEN DEMONSTRATED A NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE THAT  
10 YOU CAN GET BIG THINGS DONE WHEN YOU DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE  
11 CREDIT AND YOU JUST WANT TO GET THE END RESULT. AND THIS HAS  
12 BEEN A VERY SATISFYING, GRATIFYING THING TO WATCH AS YOU'VE  
13 BROUGHT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE TOGETHER AND I SENSE THE  
14 EXCITEMENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AT THE TABLE. THEY'RE  
15 NOT PUSHING PAPER, THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING BIG THINGS, IN A WAY  
16 REVOLUTIONARY THINGS. THIS IS GOING TO WORK. IT'S NOT A  
17 QUESTION OF WHETHER IT CAN WORK. IT CAN IT WORK. I THINK THAT  
18 ISSUE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE  
19 COUNTRY AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE SOON  
20 ENOUGH AS THE PILOT PROGRAM GETS GOING AND AS YOU SCALE IT UP.  
21 THE ONLY THING IS WHETHER THERE'S THE POLITICAL WILL TO SPEND  
22 THE MONEY AND SPEND IT WISELY, NOT JUST THROW MONEY AT  
23 SOMETHING BUT ACTUALLY PUT THE MONEY, INVEST THE MONEY WHERE  
24 IT NEEDS TO BE INVESTED IN ORDER TO GET THE RETURN WE'RE  
25 LOOKING FOR. HELP BUILD CAPACITY SO THAT WHEN YOU DIVERT

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1    SOMEBODY, YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE TO DIVERT THEM TO. AND I KNOW YOU  
2    KNOW ALL THIS. I AM JUST SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS, I AM SORRY  
3    THAT I CAN'T BE HERE TO WATCH IT UNFOLD AT LEAST HERE, BUT I  
4    WILL BE WATCHING IT. I THINK THIS WILL BE A REAL REVOLUTION  
5    FOR THIS COUNTY. YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF GREAT PEOPLE WORKING ON  
6    THIS. AND I HOPE THAT WE HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO GET IT  
7    DONE. WHATEVER THE COLLATERAL BENEFIT IS IN TERMS OF SCALING  
8    DOWN THE JAIL, THAT'S A COLLATERAL BENEFIT. THAT'S FROSTING ON  
9    THE CAKE. I'LL JUST MAKE ONE GRATUITOUS COMMENT ABOUT THE  
10   JAIL. I JUST REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE WENT FROM A BILLION  
11   DOLLARS TO A BILLION THREE TO 2 BILLION IN A HEARTBEAT. AND  
12   IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE SOME OF OUR TRANSPORTATION  
13   PROJECTS. NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN WHY IT WENT FROM 1 TO 2 BILLION.  
14   AND THEN WE ACCEPT IT AS THOUGH IT'S THE GOSPEL. AND I  
15   UNDERSTAND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS LOOKING TRYING TO SCRUB SOME  
16   OF THESE NUMBERS. I JUST CANNOT IMAGINE THAT IF IT WAS ME, I  
17   WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO ENDORSE A PROJECT THAT IS SO EXPENSIVE  
18   WHEN THERE'S NO JUSTIFICATION GIVEN FOR WHY IT NEEDS TO BE SO  
19   EXPENSIVE. THAT'S JUST ASIDE FROM THIS ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO  
20   GET THAT ON THE RECORD. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, WHATEVER THE  
21   COLLATERAL BENEFIT IS OF A DIVERSION PROGRAM OVER TIME WILL  
22   ENABLE US TO HOUSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED MENTAL HEALTH  
23   TREATMENT BUT JUST NEED TO BE INCARCERATED BECAUSE THEY ARE  
24   THE DANGEROUS CRIMINALS WHO WE'RE LETTING OUT THE DOOR TOO  
25   SOON AS YOU SAID. ANYWAY, I CONGRATULATE YOU, JACKIE. I WISH

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1 YOU WELL IN THIS PROGRAM. THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON IT AND I'M  
2 CONFIDENT WITH THIS TEAM AROUND YOU, IT'S GOING TO PRODUCE  
3 RESULTS.

4  
5 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND I MUST GIVE  
6 CREDIT TO THE TEAM. THE TEAM, I'VE NEVER WORKED WITH A GROUP  
7 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE THIS COMMITTED, THIS TALENTED AND THIS  
8 KNOWLEDGEABLE. AND WE FREQUENTLY WILL START A MEETING WITH  
9 TALKING ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL CASE THAT WE FIND TROUBLING. AND  
10 AS OF AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT ENDING UP IN A  
11 JAIL MENTAL HEALTH WARD COULDN'T HAPPEN TO ANY OF OUR FAMILY  
12 OR OUR FRIENDS, THE FACTS PROVE OTHERWISE. THIS IS A  
13 NONPOLITICAL, NON PARTISAN WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO? WHAT  
14 ARE THE RIGHT CHANGES TO MAKE IN OUR SYSTEM GROUP AND IT'S  
15 VERY DIVERSE. TO SEE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
16 POLICE CHIEFS SITTING NEXT TO THE ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
17 AND DISCUSSING WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN DO BETTER TO HAVE AS MUCH  
18 INFORMATION AS I NOW HAVE ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
19 HEALTH AND TO SEE ITEM 18 ON THE AGENDA, BECAUSE WHAT THAT  
20 MEANS CHIEF SMITH AND OTHERS WILL HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. NO  
21 LONGER WILL THE MOST ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE BE TAKING SOMEONE  
22 TO JAIL. THEY WILL HAVE OTHER URGENT CARE CENTERS WHERE THEY  
23 CAN TAKE SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL AND LEAVE THEM THERE AND  
24 KNOW THAT THEY WILL FIND TREATMENT AND THEY WILL FIND HOUSING  
25 AND THEY WILL FIND SOLUTIONS. FOR BILL AND I TO BE TRAVELING

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1 TO PLACES LIKE MEMPHIS AND MIAMI DADE AND EVEN MY OWN BACKYARD  
2 AND SEE AND LEARN ABOUT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THOSE PEOPLE  
3 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND KNOW THAT, GEE, HERE WE HAVE A MODEL  
4 THAT'S ALREADY WORKING AND WE CAN EXPAND IT IS AN EYE OPENER.  
5 AND IT IS THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SEE WHO ARE UNJUSTLY  
6 CAUGHT UP IN A JAIL SYSTEM AND WHO ARE SICK. NOT BY ANY FAULT  
7 OF THEIR OWN. THAT PROVIDES A MOTIVATION FOR US TO KEEP GOING.  
8 SO I'M HONORED THAT ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH RESPOND  
9 TO THE CALL WHEN WE ASK. AND THEY ARE. THEY'RE VERY COMMITTED.  
10 I THINK THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THE MEETING TO BE SET. AND  
11 WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY. BUT I DO WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT  
12 THE STEPS HAVE TO BE MODEST. IT IS NOT L.A. COUNTY IS A  
13 COUNTRY UNTO ITSELF. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME TO  
14 REALLY FIX THIS ISSUE. BUT I DO BELIEVE WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY.  
15 THANK YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE TEAM.  
18 APPRECIATE IT. BY THE WAY, JACKIE, I DID RECEIVE A LETTER FROM  
19 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF YOUR PROGRAM, AS WELL,  
20 TOO.

21  
22 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS  
25 SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM. YOU WILL GET A MINUTE. OKAY. EZRA

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1 GALE. JESSICA FARRIS, PATRICIA RUSSELL. AND REVEREND LARRY FOY  
2 WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. IN THE QUEUE, THERE IS SOME  
3 ROOM IN THE FRONT, REVEREND PETER LARMAN, MARSHA TEMPLE,  
4 JOSEPH MAIZLISH AND TANISHA DENARD WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR.

5  
6 **EZRA GALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS EZRA GALE  
7 WITH THE ESSENTIAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. WE  
8 REPRESENT MORE THAN 450 BUSINESSES COLLECTIVELY EMPLOY 350,000  
9 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES AREA. DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES  
10 IS HOME TO THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A CRITICAL CONTRIBUTOR TO HOMELESSNESS IS  
12 INADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WITHOUT  
13 PROPER TREATMENT, THESE INDIVIDUALS REGULARLY FIND THEMSELVES  
14 CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CYCLE OF CRIME, ARRESTS, INCARCERATION,  
15 RELEASE AND HOMELESSNESS. C.C.A. AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
16 STRONGLY SUPPORTS DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP  
17 A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
18 ILLNESS CHARGED WITH NONVIOLENT, NON-SERIOUS AND NONSEXUAL  
19 OFFENSES. DIVERTING MOVES INDIVIDUALS AND PROVIDING THEM WITH  
20 COMMUNITY HEALTH. TREATMENTS CAN CUT RECIDIVISM BY AS OF AS 50  
21 PERCENT. CURRENTLY THERE ARE MORE THAN 1,100 OF THESE  
22 INDIVIDUALS IN COUNTY FACILITIES. AND WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING  
23 THEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WILL HELP THEM AND HELP OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3    **JESS FARRIS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JESS FARRIS. POLICY AND  
4    ADVOCACY COUNSEL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE  
5    URGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO MAKE FUNDING DIVERSION FOR  
6    PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS THE PRIORITY IT SHOULD BE AND TO  
7    AGGRESSIVELY APPLY TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY  
8    CORRECTIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE PROP 47 SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
9    SCHOOLS FUND. ON NOVEMBER 4TH, 63 PERCENT OF VOTING ANGELINOS  
10    SUPPORTED PROP 47 AND IN DOING SO, THEY PROVED THAT THEY ARE  
11    TIRED OF THE OUTDATED AND OVERLY SIMPLISTIC VIEWS LEGISLATORS  
12    HOLD OF THEM. INCORRECT VIEWS ABOUT APPETITES FOR  
13    INCARCERATION FUELED BY FEAR AND A DESIRE TO PUNISH. ANGELINOS  
14    PROVE THAT THEY THINK THE PATH TO A BETTER, SAFER, HEALTHIER  
15    CALIFORNIA IS SHORTER SENTENCES, MORE PREVENTION, MORE  
16    SERVICES AND MORE TREATMENT. IN SHORT, ANGELINOS WANT A NEW  
17    AND BETTER APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH  
18    DIVERSION IS JUST THAT. 65 PERCENT OF THE SAVINGS GENERATED BY  
19    PROP 47 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND  
20    DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
21    SO WE URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROP 47 FUNDS AND GIVE  
22    D.A. LACEY'S COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN ITS BEST CHANCE  
23    FOR SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

24

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE JUST HOPE THERE'S PROP 47 FUNDS.  
2    NOTHING HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED YET. NEXT.

3

4    **REV. LARRY FOY:** REVEREND LARRY W. FOY. I'M IN FAVOR OF S-1. AS  
5    A MEMBER IF THE CLERGY I SHARE THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES  
6    FROM NOT ONLY THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BUT ALSO FROM THE  
7    JEWISH, BUDDHIST THE AND MUSLIM FAITH COMMUNITIES, WE CANNOT  
8    AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO NEGLECT THE MISTREATMENT AND MAL  
9    TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE NEED A HOLISTIC  
10    APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THESE PERSONS BESET BY MENTAL  
11    ILLNESS. THEY ARE THE LEAST OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND AS  
12    SUCH, THEY HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED, MISUNDERSTOOD, MISTREATED AND  
13    MAL TREATED. AND IN SHORT, THEY, TOO, ARE VICTIMS. L.A. COUNTY  
14    HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THIS SORDID HISTORY AND ABUSE AND  
15    NEGLECT BY EMBRACING THE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM THAT BRINGS  
16    TOGETHER MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, COMMUNITY  
17    CENTERS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY  
18    TO RESTORE HUMAN DIGNITY TO THESE PERSONS WHO NEED IT MOST.

19

20    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22    **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** THANK YOU. I'M REVEREND PETER LAARMAN FROM  
23    THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS COALITION. I WANT TO PICK UP FOR A  
24    MOMENT ON MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S COMMENT ABOUT POLITICAL WILL. TO  
25    QUOTE THE PLAY BY THE DISTINGUISHED AUGUST WILSON, YOU HAVE



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1 TWO TRAINS RUNNING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. AND THE LITTLE TRAIN  
2 THE HOPEFUL TRAIN IS THE ONE WE JUST HEARD ABOUT. FIRST STEPS  
3 TOWARDS DIVERSION. THE BIG TRAIN, UNFORTUNATELY, REMAINS THE  
4 COMMITMENT TO AN EXPENSIVE AND IN OUR VIEW UNNEEDED AND  
5 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE VAST NEW JAIL FACILITY. THOSE TRAINS ARE  
6 IRRECONCILABLE AND AND IN THE NEW YEAR WHEN NEW MEMBERS ARE  
7 SEATED ON THIS BOARD YOU WILL HEAR FROM A LOT MORE OF US ON  
8 THE FACT THAT AT THIS POINT THE JAIL PLAN THAT'S BEEN  
9 DISCUSSED HERE IS REALLY NULL AND VOID. IT'S SORT OF LIKE THAT  
10 PARROT IN THE MONTY PYTHON SKETCH. IT'S DEFUNCT, KAPUT, FINI.  
11 IT SHOULD BE ABANDONED AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT THIS WITH A  
12 WHOLE DIFFERENT LENS WHERE WE DIVERT AGGRESSIVELY ACROSS-THE-  
13 BOARD. THANK YOU.

14  
15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT?

16  
17 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I HAVE THE  
18 HONOR OF BEING ON JACKIE LACEY'S TASKFORCE AND IT HAS BEEN  
19 AMAZING TO SEE ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTIES COME TOGETHER AND  
20 BRAINSTORM AND FIND OUT NEW INFORMATION THAT THEY NEVER KNEW  
21 BEFORE AND HOW MUCH THEY WANT TO SHARE IT AND BREAK UP THE  
22 SILOS. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF NAMI. AND WE REPRESENT THE  
23 FAMILIES' POINT OF VIEW. AND WE'RE VERY THANKFUL THAT THE  
24 FAMILIES' POINT OF VIEW IS BEING INTERJECTED DURING THESE  
25 PROCESSES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO MENTION ABOUT CO-OCCURRING

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1 DISORDERS. MY SON WAS IN THE DIVISION 50 PROGRAM. HE HAS CO-  
2 OCCURRING DISORDERS OF BIPOLAR, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND O.C.D. THE  
3 EXPECTATION IS THAT HE REMAIN TOTALLY CLEAN AND SOBER AT ANY  
4 TASK, AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S VERY DIFFICULT RIGHT OUT OF  
5 JAIL. AND HE WAS THEN KICKED OUT OF HIS HOUSING. HE HAS  
6 NOWHERE TO LIVE RIGHT NOW. SO I SUGGEST THEY DO A DIFFERENT  
7 KIND OF LIKE HARM REDUCTION RATHER THAN ALL OR NOTHING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH, GOOD AFTERNOON. I  
12 PROVIDED COUNSELING PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED A MURDER AT THEIR  
13 WORKPLACE LISTENING TO THEIR DESCRIPTION ITS IMPACTS ON THEM  
14 AND TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY NEEDED TO ADVANCE THEIR RECOVERY.  
15 OF COURSE I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD  
16 WORKING ON IMPROVEMENT OF VICTIMS' SERVICES. IF WE HAD MORE OF  
17 THAT, WE MAY ACTUALLY HAVE LESS PERPETRATORS, BECAUSE AS I'VE  
18 TOLD YOU ESPECIALLY, CHILDREN DEVELOP THESE COME FROM  
19 SOMEWHERE, PSYCHOLOGIST DON MIKENBAUM SAID "HOW DOES ONE GET  
20 FROM BEING BORN TO KILLING MELISSA," THAT'S THE PERSON WHO IS  
21 NOW NAMED, HOW MUCH CAN YOU DO AT ONCE? I DO FEAR THAT 119  
22 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE CURRENT LOW FIGURE FOR THE BIG JAIL  
23 PROJECT PLUS THE OVERRUNS PLUS A COUPLE OF HUNDRED MILLION  
24 MORE PER YEAR TO THAT'S GOT TO BE INVESTED IN RUNNING IT ABOVE  
25 CURRENT RUNNING EXPENSES WILL DISABLE HOW FAR WE REALLY ARE



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1 ABLE TO GO WITH THE INNOVATIONS. WE DON'T KNOW THOSE LIMITS  
2 YET. AND YOU DON'T, EITHER. LET'S DEVELOP THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? I'D ASK PACARA CUTI,  
5 EVAN BUNCH, SHEILA PINKEL, AND SOPHIA KEONIS TO JOIN US,  
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM MARSHAL TEMPLE EXECUTIVE  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I THANK DISTRICT  
10 ATTORNEY LACEY FOR HER REPORT. I WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER,  
11 THAT THE GOAL SHOULD NOT NEARLY BE TO PUT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE  
12 SOME PLACE SAFE THAT ISN'T JAIL. THE GOAL SHOULD BE TO HELP  
13 THEM GET WELL. FOR THAT, THEY WILL NEED HOUSING, HEALTHCARE  
14 AND JOBS. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY  
15 NETWORK HAS CREATED 157 JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
16 DIAGNOSES AND A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. CRISIS STABILIZATION IS  
17 JUST THAT. IT WON'T GET PEOPLE WELL AND, THEREFORE, IT WON'T  
18 KEEP THEM OUT OF JAIL FOR LONG. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

21

22 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA DENARD. I'M  
23 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'VE BEEN FUNDING JAILS AND  
24 PRISONS FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG AND IT HAS NOT BEEN WORKING.  
25 SO FOR THOSE REASONS I WOULD URGE YOU GUYS TO LOOK INTO ITEM

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1 S-1. AND ALSO WE CANNOT REHABILITATE ANYBODY INSIDE OF A CELL,  
2 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISORDERS. A LOT OF TIMES THESE  
3 JAILS CAUSE THEM TO COME OUT WITH MENTAL DISORDERS JUST BASED  
4 ON BEING INSIDE. SOME PEOPLE GO INSIDE WITH NO PROBLEMS AND  
5 COME OUT WITH PROBLEMS JUST BECAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT THEY  
6 ARE IN. TO ARE THOSE REASONS AND THE REASONS STATED I WOULD  
7 URGE YOU GUYS TO LOOK AT ITEM S-1. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI, GOOD MORNING GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE. MY  
12 NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH AND I'M AN ALL WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
13 COALITION. I'M A SOCIAL WORKER AND A MOTHER. AND I WANTED TO  
14 REITERATE THAT PRISONS ARE IN INCUBATOR OF VIOLENCE. AN  
15 INCUBATOR OF VIOLENCE AND MENTAL DESTRUCTION. IT INFILTRATES A  
16 MIND, A BODY AND SLOWLY DETERIORATES THE SPIRIT. SO I REALLY  
17 APPLAUD WHAT JACKIE LACEY AND THE TEAM ARE DOING. I WANT TO  
18 REITERATE THAT ANY COUNTY PROJECT LED BY IMPORTANT LEADERS  
19 BECOME REAL WITH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
20 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. SO I'D REALLY ENCOURAGE AS THINGS  
21 UNFOLD, PLEASE HIRE, HIRE, HIRE, CREATE MANY, MANY, MANY,  
22 MANY, MANY JOBS REALLY MAKING THIS REAL AND IMPLEMENTING IT IN  
23 A WAY THAT UPLIFTS COMMUNITIES AND SPIRITS. I ALSO DEDICATE  
24 THIS DAY TO EVA FORD AND JOHNNY MARTINEZ WHO WOULD NOT HAVE

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1 BEEN SHOT AND KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT HAD THEY HAD THE  
2 TRAINING. THANK YOU.

3  
4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

5  
6 **EVAN BUNCH:** MY NAME IS EVAN BUNCH AND I WORK WITH DIGNITY AND  
7 POWER NOW. I AM HERE BECAUSE I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES TO  
8 INCARCERATION FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF  
9 JAILS. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES WHICH WILL REDUCE THE JAIL  
10 POPULATION RIGHT NOW, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND SAVE THE  
11 COUNTY OVER A BILLION DOLLARS AND THIS PLAN TAKES AN IMPORTANT  
12 STEP TO RECOGNIZE THIS. JAILS ARE NOT REHABILITATIVE FOR  
13 ANYONE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. THIS DIVERSION  
14 PLAN IS A FIRST STEP TO RECOGNIZING THIS. THIS DIVERSION PLAN  
15 SHOULD MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON PROVIDING SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-  
16 BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS VOLUNTARY, COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUED  
17 CARE IN ONE'S COMMUNITY AND A PROVEN DIVERSION AND TREATMENT  
18 PLAN FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE DID DO NOT SUPPORT THE  
19 BOARD USING THIS PLAN TO SUPPORT LOCKED MENTAL HEALTH  
20 FACILITIES FOR THE USE OF LAURA'S LAW TO FORCE PEOPLE INTO  
21 TREATMENT. THESE ARE NOT A VIABLE DIVERSION STRATEGY. WE URGE  
22 THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AND SUBSTANTIALLY INVEST IN FURTHER  
23 DIVERSION STRATEGIES AND TO CONSIDER THE JAIL PLAN IN LIGHT OF  
24 DIVERSION AND STOP ALL EXPANSION PLANS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK MARY SUTTON, KWAZI  
2 NKRUMAH, JADA RASPBERRY, AND JAS WADE TO JOIN US. GO AHEAD.

3  
4 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
5 IS SHELIA PINKEKM I'M WITH CURB. I SUPPORT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
6 JACKIE LACEY'S PROGRAM TO CREATE MENTAL HEALTH PROCESSING AND  
7 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS. AND I ALSO SUPPORT HER IDEA OF  
8 EXPANDING THAT FOR WOMEN AND FOR VETS. THERE'S EVIDENCE THAT  
9 PRISON HARMS WOMEN MORE THAN MEN. THE MAJORITY OF INCARCERATED  
10 WOMEN ARE NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS WITH POOR EDUCATION, LITTLE  
11 EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE AND MULTIPLE HISTORIES OF ABUSE FROM  
12 CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADULthood. IT IS THEIR CHILDREN WHO SUFFER  
13 FROM MOTHERS INCARCERATION AND BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF  
14 INCARCERATED PEOPLE. THERE ARE NEW PROGRAMS SUCH AS WOMEN IN  
15 RECOVERY THAT PROVIDES ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON FOR WOMEN WHO  
16 ARE SENTENCED FOR FELONY CRIMES LINKED TO ALCOHOL OR DRUG  
17 ADDICTION. THERE IS STILL TIME TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF MIRA LOMA  
18 JAIL AND ALLOCATE FUNDS TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS THAT WILL  
19 ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND HAVE A GENERATIVE  
20 IMPACT ON THEIR FAMILIES.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23  
24 **MARRY SUTTON:** HI, MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON, I'M WITH THE NO MORE  
25 JAILS COALITION CURB AND CRITICAL RESISTANCE. LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY'S LOCKING UP ALMOST 3,000 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.  
2 WE HAVE THE LARGEST JAIL POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY. WE ALSO  
3 HAVE THE LARGEST HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY. SO THE  
4 QUESTION IS THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE AFRICAN-AMERICANS  
5 AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR. WHO ARE THE VICTIMS? THESE ARE  
6 VICTIMS OF LOS ANGELES POLICIES THAT HAVE EXTRACTED HUMAN  
7 CAPITAL AND HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE POOREST COMMUNITIES OF  
8 L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST REINVENT THAT CYCLE AND PUT A.B.-109  
9 DOLLARS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS.  
10 PEOPLE ARE MENTALLY ILL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY  
11 OF OUR LEADERS IN L.A. COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, RIGHT. OKAY. NEXT?

14

15 **KWAZI NKRUMAH:** MY NAME IS KWAZI NKRUMAH, I'M THE COCHAIR OF  
16 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE'RE  
17 HERE TO SUPPORT THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION AND CURB AND ALSO  
18 I JUST WANTED TO SAY IT'S KIND OF REFRESHING TO HEAR THIS KIND  
19 OF CONVERSATION IN A RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC BODY. IN THE PAST  
20 SEVERAL DECADES, OUR SOCIETY SEEMS TO BE MOVING HEADLONG IN A  
21 DESTRUCTIVE TREND OF THROWING AWAY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. WE ARE  
22 A SOCIETY THAT IS MOVING FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO A DICHOTOMY  
23 BETWEEN A VERY SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MORE MONEY THAN  
24 THEY CAN EVER PROPERLY USE AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
25 FALLING FURTHER AND FURTHER AND FURTHER DOWN THE SCALE. AND



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1 THE ANSWER TO THESE DISPARITIES SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MORE  
2 REPRESSION THAN ANYTHING ELSE. AND WHAT WE NEED IS WE NEED  
3 SOME REAL HUMAN POLICIES TO TAKE CARE OF HUMAN BEINGS. SO  
4 THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS DISCUSSION. I HOPE YOU'LL ACT ON IT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JERILYN DEITRICK. ERIC  
7 PREVEN, STEVE ROGERS AND BRANDY BROWN WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR?  
8 GO AHEAD, MA'AM. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **JADA RASPBERRY:** MY NAME IS JADA RASPBERRY AND I WORK WITH  
11 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I SUPPORT FULLY FUNDED COMPREHENSIVE  
12 DIVERSION PLAN AND URGE THE PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING NOT TO  
13 BE USED FOR LOCKED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES OR THE ENFORCEMENT  
14 OF LAURA' LAW TO FORCE PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT. INSTEAD COMMIT  
15 TO PRIORITIZING THIS MONEY THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.  
16 I FURTHER MORE SUPPORT ITEM 18 TO APPROVE THE USE OF A STATE  
17 GRANT OF 40 MILLION FROM S.B.82 FOR EXPANSION OF MENTAL HEALTH  
18 FACILITIES THAT WILL RESULT IN FOUR CRISIS STABILIZATION  
19 UNITS, 54 CRISIS STABILIZATION BEDS AND FOUR REDUCED CRISIS  
20 MOBILE VEHICLES. JAILS HARM OUR COMMUNITIES. EXPERTS STUDIES  
21 AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT LOCKING PEOPLE UP CAUSES  
22 MORE PROBLEM THAN IT THOUGHT. PEOPLE LOSE JOBS, HOMES,  
23 CHILDREN, MENTAL AND MEDICAL HEALTH ARE HARMED THROUGH NEGLECT  
24 AND VIOLENCE. FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES PARTICULARLY OF THE  
25 POOR AND PEOPLE OF COLOR MISS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE WHO

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1 WITH PROPER SUPPORT PROGRAMS COULD BUILD THEIR COMMUNITIES.  
2 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS NOT MORE JAILS AND  
3 FULLY FUND DIVERSION.  
4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?  
6

7 **JAS WADE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAS WADE AND I WORK WITH  
8 DIGNITY EMPOWER NOW AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT FULLY FUNDED  
9 DIVERSION PROGRAM. I URGE ALSO URGE THE PRIORITIZATION OF  
10 FUNDING NOT TO BE USED FOR LOCKED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES OR  
11 THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAURA'S LAW AND INSTEAD COMMIT THIS FUNDING  
12 TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE PROVED  
13 TO BE EFFECTIVE. I WANT TO ALSO URGE THE STOPPING OF  
14 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS INCLUDING THE PROPOSED \$2.3 BILLION  
15 JAIL PLAN. THIS PLAN IS BASED ON FALSE PROJECTIONS AND  
16 CRIMINALIZED BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE AND WOMEN. JAILS ARE  
17 PROVEN TO TRAUMATIZE OUR LOVED ONES AND PRODUCE CHRONIC  
18 ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, P.T.S.D. AND BIPOLAR DIAGNOSES AND THESE  
19 PROPOSED FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE THIS STATE  
20 INDUCED TRAUMA. THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE  
21 LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYERS OF THE COUNTY AND SHERIFF'S  
22 DEPUTIES SHOULD NOT BE TREATING OUR LOVED ONES. AND THIS  
23 PROPOSED JAIL PLAN WILL MAKE INVISIBLE THE CURRENT CRISIS IN  
24 INCARCERATING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE OF MENTAL HEALTH  
25 CONDITIONS AND FULLY SUPPORT DIVERSION.

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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3  
4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND I THINK  
5 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN CONTEXT TODAY WHAT SUPERVISOR  
6 YAROSLAVSKY WAS DISCUSSING WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE \$2 BILLION  
7 JAIL PROPOSAL THAT IS EXCEEDINGLY HIGH AND OUTRAGEOUS. AND THE  
8 PURPOSE OF TODAY'S LOVE FEST NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY MONITORED.  
9 WE ARE TRYING TO DIVERT MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS FROM THE JAIL  
10 SYSTEM AND THEREBY REDUCING THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT  
11 THAT MR. KREIMANN, MR. FUJIOKA, A.E.C.O.M. AND MANY OF THE  
12 SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN DILIGENTLY WORKING TO ERECT WHILE THE  
13 PUBLIC PROTESTS. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TAKE CARE OF OUR  
14 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE. WE WANT TO PURSUE CRIME APPROPRIATELY BUT  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS SCHEDULING THE VICTIMS' MEETING TODAY  
16 IS VERY, VERY PERPLEXING AND CONFUSING FOR THE PUBLIC BECAUSE  
17 TODAY WAS THE DAY WE WANTED TO HEAR CONCRETE STEPS ABOUT HOW  
18 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM. YOU GOT  
19 TO GIVE ME 10 SECONDS BACK THAT'S INTERRUPTING.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING.

22  
23 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M TRYING VERY HARD TO MAKE A COMMENT AND YOU'RE  
24 INTERRUPTING ME. HOW IS THAT APPROPRIATE? IT'S NOT  
25 APPROPRIATE, OKAY. NOW THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANG ON.

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1 [APPLAUSE.] NO APPLAUSE, FOLKS. NO APPLAUSE HERE IN THE  
2 BOARDROOM. IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JACKIE LACEY  
3 FOR TAKING A SERIOUS LOOK AT THIS. BUT WE HAVE TO DO MORE. IT  
4 WAS OCTOBER 2011 THAT SOME OF THESE REPORTS CAME OUT. WE HAVE  
5 A CONSENT DECREE BEING NEGOTIATED. WE HAVE OUR FORMER LAWYER  
6 SITTING ON THE --

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLACING THE VICTIMS OF CRIME AT THE BACK OF  
11 THE BUS IS VERY INSENSITIVE. AND I'M VERY APPALLED THAT YOU  
12 WOULD CONSIDER VICTIMS OF CRIME HAVING NO PLACE AT THIS FORUM  
13 ON IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY. I'M REALLY APPALLED AT YOUR  
14 COMMENT ABOUT VICTIMS OF CRIME. PERHAPS HAD YOU BEEN A VICTIM  
15 OF A CRIME YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THERE IS A NEED FOR ATTENTION.  
16 WHEN YOU CONSIDER 45,000 VICTIMS OF CRIME, ONLY 20,000 HAVE  
17 BEEN HAVING ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, THAT NEEDS CORRECTION NOW.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? YOU'RE NOT COMMENT.  
20 NOBODY ASKED FOR COMMENT. NEXT? NEXT? SIR, YOU'RE DONE. YOU DO  
21 IT ALL THE TIME. NEXT?

22

23 **JERI DEITRICK:** HI, MY NAME IS JERI DEITRICK AND I'M WITH L.A.  
24 NO MORE JAILS. I SUPPORT THE COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN AND  
25 URGE THE PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING NOT TO BE USED FOR LOCKED

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1 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES OR ENFORCEMENT OF LAURA'S LAW BUT TO  
2 FORCE PEOPLE IN TREATMENT INSTEAD COMMIT TO PRIORITIZING THIS  
3 MONEY TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THE EXTREME VIOLENCE  
4 IN THE L.A. JAILS SHOULD BE A REASON TO SHRINK THE JAILS NOT  
5 EXPAND THEM. EVEN OVERCROWDING CANNOT BE USED AS A REASON TO  
6 EXPAND JAILS. THE NEED IS NOT FOR MORE JAILS BUT FOR NEW  
7 ATTITUDES AND A PRIORITIZATION TOWARDS DECARCERATION EFFORTS  
8 TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF JAILS. THE A.B.109 MONEY FOR INSTANCE IS  
9 70 PERCENT OF THE MONEY IS, SORRY. \$90 MILLION OF THE FIRST  
10 YEAR WILL GO TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE NOT HAD ANY  
11 -- OKAY. THE STATE HAS 70 PERCENT RECIDIVZATION RATE I'M  
12 SORRY, I'M GETTING SCREWED UP TALKING.

13  
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DAVON WILLIAMS. PASTOR CUE  
15 JNMARIE, DIANA ZUNIGA AND ARNOLD SACHS. GO AHEAD, SIR, OR  
16 MA'AM, WHOEVER'S NEXT?

17  
18 **STEVE ROGERS:** MY NAME'S STEVE ROGERS, I'M AN ORGANIZER FOR  
19 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. LOOK, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT CAUSES  
20 MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE PROBLEMS OUT  
21 THERE. WE KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM IT HERE  
22 IN LOS ANGELES. ANOTHER THING WE KNOW IS THAT IT'S BEEN  
23 HANDLED POORLY. WE HAVE A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE IN JAIL. A LOT  
24 OF THESE PEOPLE BEING NEGLECTED. A LOT OF TIMES THESE PEOPLE  
25 BEING ABUSED, MISMANAGED. WE APPRECIATE THAT JACKIE LACY IS

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1 SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
2 IT. I DO SUPPORT THAT. AND I DO SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT THERE'S  
3 SOMETHING THERE THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON. I DON'T THINK THE  
4 ANSWER IS, YOU KNOW, MORE DEPUTIES, MORE JAIL, MORE BEDS TO  
5 PUT PEOPLE IN WHILE WE TRY AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO HANDLE IT. I  
6 THINK A BETTER WAY IS TO WORK WITH THE STAFF THAT WE DO HAVE  
7 AND THE SPACE THAT WE DO HAVE AND TRY TO AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO  
8 HANDLE THESE PROBLEMS, HOW TO RETRAIN THESE PEOPLE BEFORE WE  
9 LOOK TO EXPAND AND ACTUALLY BRING IN MORE PEOPLE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD, THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **BRANDY BROWN:** MY NAME IS BRANDY BROWN AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH  
14 JUSTICE COALITION. I'M SUPPORTING JACKIE LACEY PLAN AND SEE  
15 THE NEED TO EXPAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. I WAS  
16 DIAGNOSED WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER AS A KID. NOW I'M A MOTHER AND  
17 IT IS HARD OUT HERE ON THE STREETS TO RAISE MY DAUGHTER AND  
18 DON'T HAVE THE PROPER RESOURCES OUT HERE ON THE STREETS. SO  
19 JUST SOMEONE BEING IN JAIL, THEY WILL HAVE IT EVEN HARDER THAN  
20 ME. SO I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PLAN. I HOPE THAT LIKE TO SEE  
21 NO MORE JAIL EXPANSION BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER IS THE FUTURE. AND  
22 THAT PLAN WILL AFFECT MY DAUGHTER YEARS ON DOWN THE LINE. SO  
23 LIKE I JUST ASK THE YOU GUYS TO REALLY LOOK INTO WHAT'S GOING  
24 ON AND SEE WHO IS GOING TO AFFECT. IT IS GOING TO AFFECT OUR

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1 KIDS IN THE LONG RUN. I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY DAUGHTER IN JAIL.

2 I WOULD RATHER SEE HER IN COLLEGE. SO, PLEASE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU HAVE PETER ELIASBURG.

5

6 **DEVON WILLIAMS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEVON WILLIAMS. I'M A YOUTH  
7 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE IN  
8 SUPPORT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEIS'S DIVERSION PLAN. I  
9 AM PRIORITIZING THAT THE FUNDING OF THIS PLAN BE FOCUSED ON  
10 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE AS  
11 COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE A MORE POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE  
12 CONNECTION AND COMMUNICATION WITH PEOPLE FROM LOCKUPS AND I  
13 SAY THAT AS A PERSON FROM LOCKUP MYSELF, SO I KNOW THE  
14 DIFFERENCE IN BETWEEN COMMUNICATION AND HOW YOU'RE TREATED  
15 WITH THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND IN LOCKUP. SO I DEMAND THAT  
16 A.B.109 MONEY IS INTO THE COMMUNITY AND NOT TO THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? NEXT?

20

21 **PASTOR CUE:** HELLO, I'M PASTOR Q. I PASTOR THE CHURCH WITHOUT  
22 WALLS ON SKID ROW. AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE S.C.L.C., SOUTHERN  
23 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND ALSO CLUE CLERGY UNITED  
24 FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. THERE IS A REVOLVING DOOR BETWEEN SKID  
25 ROW AND L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND PRISONS. SINCE THE MENTAL



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1 CLINICS WERE CLOSED, WE HAVE IGNORED THE MENTALLY ILL WHO LIVE  
2 ON THE STREETS OF SKID ROW, MANY OF WHICH ARE VETERANS. BY  
3 DOING THIS, WE HAVE CREATED A SITUATION IN WHICH OFFICERS  
4 DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CRIMINAL AND A MENTALLY  
5 ILL PERSON. THUS, WE MADE SKID ROW A CONTAINMENT ZONE FOR THE  
6 MENTALLY ILL. WE CAN TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, BUT CAN  
7 WE TEACH THEM COMPASSION? AND IF WE BUILD A \$2 BILLION JAIL,  
8 I'M CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOCKED  
9 UP. MY ANXIETY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME HAS JUST HIT  
10 THE ROOF YOU TELL ME \$2 BILLION WHERE WILL THEY GO FIND THE  
11 PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY?

12  
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14  
15 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M HERE WITH CURB,  
16 L.A. NO MORE JAILS AND ALL THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPOKE  
17 TODAY. I'M HERE SUPPORTING D.A. JACKIE LACEIS'S PLAN AND ITEM  
18 18 THAT WILL ADD FOUR CRISIS STABILIZATION, 54 CRISIS  
19 STABILIZATION BEDS AND FOUR REDUCED CRISIS MOBILE VEHICLES.  
20 I'M ALSO VERY EXCITED TO HEAR THAT 35 CRISIS INTERVENTION  
21 CENTERS WILL BE ADDED AND 14 DIVERSION TEAMS IN THE JAILS.  
22 THIS IS REALLY EXCITING INFORMATION. I ALSO AM HERE BECAUSE I  
23 WANT TO URGE OUR L.A. DECISION MAKERS TO PRIORITIZE  
24 ALTERNATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT DON'T FOCUS ON INVOLUNTARY  
25 PROGRAMS LIKE LAURA'S LAW. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW D.A.

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1 LACEIS'S DIVERSION PLAN IS NOT SEPARATE FROM THE \$2 BILLION  
2 JAIL PLAN AND COULD IMPACT ON A LOW SCALE 1,000 BEDS. PROP 47  
3 CAN IMPACT THE USE OF 2,000 TO 3,000 BEDS. AND NOW WE'RE  
4 INCREASING SPLIT SENTENCING. ALL OF THESE ARE NOT SEPARATE  
5 FROM THE \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN AND WILL DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE  
6 AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE INCARCERATED IN LOS ANGELES  
7 COUNTY JAILS. IT WILL ALSO IMPACT THE 6,000 BEDS BEING  
8 PROPOSED BY FOR THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE AND REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S  
9 CENTRAL JAILS. PLEASE PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS NOT  
10 INCREASE JAILS.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOLLY RICEMAN, REBECCA EDWARDS, ESTHER  
13 LIM AND LUIS GARCIA.

14  
15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. DID YOU LISTEN TO  
16 JACKIE? GOOD MORNING AGAIN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT MEANS  
17 SHE SPOKE TWICE ON TWO DIFFERENT ITEMS. SO VICTIMS OF CRIME  
18 WERE SO IMPORTANT TO YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WOULD  
19 THINK THEY'D HAVE A SEPARATE ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA AND NOT BE  
20 COMBINED WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS. HOW CAN  
21 YOU DISCUSS BOTH ITEMS?

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EASY.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A TIME LIMIT. YOU  
2 SHOULD, THOUGH. MIAMI DADE, MEMPHIS, SAN ANTONIO ARE ALL  
3 MENTIONED AS PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS. 12 YEARS. WHAT'S GOING ON?  
4 LIKE METRO PROJECTS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. LIKE THE GREEN  
5 LINE TO THE AIRPORT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT THE TOPIC HERE.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MENTIONED THE METRO, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SAN FRANCISCO AS GIVEN AS AN EXAMPLE. THE COUNTY  
14 AND CITY IS ONE ORGANIZATION. SUPERVISORS, SOMEBODY SAID  
15 COMMUNITY-BASED JACKIE LACEY SAID L.A. COUNTY IS A COMMUNITY.  
16 88 INCORPORATED CITIES. WHERE DO YOU HAVE THESE FACILITIES?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHELLE WATSON. JABRIEL  
19 MUHAMMAD. TIMOTHY MURPHY.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHAT ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MICHELLE WATSON? JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.  
24 TIMOTHY MURPHY.

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PARTS OF THE ITEM, SIR. CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT.

2  
3 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBERG FROM THE A.C.L.U OF SOUTHERN  
4 CALIFORNIA.

5  
6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME PETER, START HIS TIME OVER.

7  
8 **SPEAKER:** IT IS HEARTENING TO HEAR THAT IT APPEARS THAT THERE  
9 IS NOW A CONSENSUS THAT LOS ANGELES'S PRACTICE OF  
10 INCARCERATING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO WAS  
11 NOT CHARGED WITH VIOLENT OFFENCES WAS AN ABJECT FAILURE. SO  
12 BRINGING TOGETHER NOT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
13 BUT REFRESHING THAT SHE'S BRINGING FORWARD ADVOCATES, PRIVATE  
14 PROVIDERS ALSO IN HER EFFORT IS A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
15 AND A REVOLUTIONARY ONE. I THINK THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT  
16 POINTS TO REMEMBER. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY THIS  
17 IS NOT EITHER A SHORT-TERM PROBLEM AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
18 FIXED WITH PILOT PROJECTS, AS WELCOME AS PILOT PROJECTS ARE.  
19 NOR IS IT GOING TO BE FIXED WITH ONE \$20 MILLION COMMITMENT OF  
20 FUNDING. AND THROUGH THE MOTION OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
21 AS WELCOME AS THIS IS. THIS KIND OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE LOOK  
22 VERY GOOD FOR LOS ANGELES. IT WILL BE CHEAPER BUT IT CANNOT BE  
23 THE FLAVOR OF THE DAY FOR ONE YEAR OR IT GO AWAY. LAST POINT,  
24 IT'S NOT A \$2 BILLION JAIL. WITH INTEREST AND PRINCIPLE  
25 PAYMENTS IT'S A \$3.5 BILLION JAIL.

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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT? SHEILA WARD AND  
3 JOHN WALSH.

4  
5 **REBECCA EDWARDS:** THANK YOU. REBECCA EDWARDS WITH UNITED WAY OF  
6 GREATER LOS ANGELES AND HOME FOR GOOD HERE IN SUPPORT OF JAIL  
7 DIVERSION FOR PERSONS DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. WE  
8 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY TAKING THIS STEP AND THE LEADERSHIP OF  
9 JACKIE LACEY AND THE BOARD IN BEING THOUGHTFUL IN ADDRESSING  
10 THIS ISSUE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION ARE  
11 COMPLEX AND THAT THERE IS CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS  
12 POPULATION AND HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE EAGER TO PARTNER IN  
13 ENSURING THAT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS MADE CENTRAL, AS IT IS A  
14 CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR HOLISTICALLY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF  
15 THESE INDIVIDUALS AND WHICH WE KNOW TO BE A COST BENEFIT TO  
16 TAXPAYERS. WE ARE HERE TO PARTNER IN PROVIDING LONG-TERM  
17 SOLUTIONS WHICH INCLUDES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

20  
21 **SPEAKER:** FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AS THE JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR  
22 FOR THE A.C.L.U. SO-CAL, I INTERACTED WITH MANY OF THE 18,000  
23 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS SPECIFICALLY MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND  
24 TWIN TOWERS. I'M ALSO FORENSIC SOCIAL WORKER WITH AN M.S.W.  
25 FROM U.S.C. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND HAS SEEN SEVERAL

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1 THOUSANDS OF INMATES OF SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS LOCKED UP IN  
2 SMALL CELLS THAT WREAK OF URINE WITH WALLS SMEARED OF FECAL  
3 MATTER. MANY DO NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT. OTHERS ARE DECLASSIFIED  
4 OUT OF MENTAL HEALTH UNITS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE A SERIOUS  
5 MENTAL ILLNESS AND SENT TO GENERAL POPULATION WHERE THEY  
6 DECOMPENSATE. IN GENERAL POPULATION THE ONLY TREATMENT THEY  
7 RECEIVE IF ANY IS PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION WHICH IS OFTEN  
8 INEFFECTIVE. IN BOTH MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING AND GENERAL  
9 POPULATIONS THEY SLEEP AND EAT IN SMALL CELLS THAT THEY HARDLY  
10 EVER LEAVE THIS CONFINEMENT ALSO INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF  
11 THEIR DECOMPENSATING. JAILS ARE NOT AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HUMAN  
12 BEINGS CAN REHABILITATE, RECEIVE TREATMENT AND REGAIN THEIR  
13 MENTAL HEALTH. THE D.O.J., I'M SURE THE SUPERVISORS ARE AWARE,  
14 THAT INMATES WHO SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS RECEIVE IN  
15 THE L.A. JAILS WAS GROSSLY INADEQUATE. THE SOLUTION IS NOT  
16 INCARCERATION. THE SOLUTION IS NOT A JAIL. THE SOLUTION LIES  
17 IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION LIVE DIVERSION WHERE BETTER  
18 SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

21  
22 **MOLLY RICEMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, I'M MOLLY RICEMAN,  
23 LOS ANGELES DIRECTOR FOR C.S.H. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN  
24 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S WORK ON JAIL DIVERSION. FOR MANY YEARS  
25 SUPPORTIVE PROVIDING PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING HOMES TO

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1 HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO HAVE BEEN  
2 INCARCERATED. THEY ARE NOT VIOLENT CRIMINALS. THEY ARE MEN AND  
3 WOMEN WHO WOULD NOT HAVE RUN AFOUL OF THE LAW IF THEY  
4 WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THEY  
5 DESPERATELY NEEDED. THEY OFTEN SHARE STORIES OF HOW TRAUMATIC  
6 AND DESTABILIZING IT WAS TO BE INCARCERATED. THEY TELL HOW  
7 INCARCERATION SEPARATED THEM FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND  
8 STIGMATIZED THEM. THEY TELL HOW INCARCERATION MADE THEM  
9 INELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE. THEY TELL HOW THEY TRIED TO  
10 SELF-MEDICATE WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND THEY TELL US HOW WHAT  
11 MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN THEY GOT OUT WAS HAVING A HOME. MANY  
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THEY CANNOT SERVE  
13 THEIR HOMELESS PATIENTS AND CLIENTS WITHOUT SUPPORTIVE  
14 HOUSING. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR TAKING ON JAIL DIVERSION  
15 FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER THAT  
16 MANY OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE HOMELESS AND WILL NOT GET  
17 BETTER WITHOUT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE HOPE THAT EXPANDING  
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WILL BE PART OF YOUR PLANS.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21  
22 **LUIS GARCIA Y AYVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LUIS GARCIA  
23 I'M A RETIRED DEPUTY PROVISION OFFICER IN L.A. COUNTY AND  
24 CONSTITUENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO REPRESENTED THE  
25 SENATE SELECT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON CALIFORNIA'S CORRECTIONAL



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1 SYSTEM, A MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF CURB. THE USE OF TAXES TO  
2 BUILD TWO NEW COUNTY JAILS FOR MALE AND WOMEN INCARCERATED  
3 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IS RETROGRADE AND HOUSING THEM WITH OTHER  
4 INCARCERATED PEOPLE IS ALSO A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,  
5 SPECIFICALLY THE UNITED NATIONS COVENANT ON THE CRUEL AND  
6 OTHER DEMEANING AND INHUMANE TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT. TO TAKE  
7 FUNDS TO MIX THE MENTALLY ILL IN PRISON OR COUNTY JAILS IS  
8 NOTHING MORE THAN A CONTRIBUTION TO BUILD UP THE PRISON  
9 INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. THE LONG-TIME DOCUMENTED ABUSE OF  
10 PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS  
11 DON'T CHANGE ON A DIME NO MATTER HOW MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
12 ARE SPENT. THANK YOU.

13  
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15  
16 **TIMOTHY MURPHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M TIMOTHY MURPHY, THE  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS UNITING AND ALSO  
18 ON JUSTICE NOT JAILS. SO MANY. THINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAID  
19 AND I'LL TRY NOT TO REPEAT ANY OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID SO  
20 MUCH BETTER THAN I CAN. WE FULLY SUPPORT FULLY FUNDED  
21 DIVERSION AND RELATEDLY OPPOSE ANY JAIL EXPANSION IN OUR  
22 COUNTY. I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY OBVIOUS, BUT  
23 IT BEARS REPEATING. NO ONE GOES TO JAIL FOR HEALING. NO ONE  
24 GOES TO JAIL FOR HEALING. IT'S NO PLACE FOR OUR MENTALLY ILL  
25 BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO NEED OUR CARE AND COMPASSION AND

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1 CONCERN. ALL PLANS TO EXPAND THE JAILS ARE BACKWARDS IN THIS  
2 REGARD AND THE COUNTY'S FIRST PRIORITY NEEDS TO BE HELPING  
3 PEOPLE GET TREATMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS. AND WITH  
4 SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION AND THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF PROP 47, WE  
5 WILL DISCOVER THAT A NEW EXPANDED JAIL WASN'T NECESSARY IN THE  
6 FIRST PLACE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, THIS IS JABRIEL  
11 MUHAMMAD FOR BISMULAH THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. WE HAD TWO ISSUES  
12 HERE ONE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES. HOW MUCH OF THAT  
13 INFORMATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED HEARSAY? CHAPTER 1. HISTORY OF  
14 COUNTY VICTIMS SERVICES AND VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE  
15 PROGRAMS. HOW MANY HAVE BEEN DENIED? MAJOR ISSUES IMPACTING  
16 VICTIMS SERVICES HOW MANY HAVE BEEN DENIED, ABSENT SERVICE  
17 VICTIMS, HOW MANY HAVE BEEN DENIED? YOU GIVE US THESE  
18 DEMOGRAPHICS BUT YOU ARE NOT TELLING US THAT SOME OF THESE  
19 VICTIMS ALL OF THEM ONE VICTIMIZED BY THE SHERIFF HAVE BEEN  
20 DENIED, OKAY. WE NEED THOSE DEMOGRAPHICS. HERE'S WE ALSO NEED  
21 A COMMITMENT FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY, OKAY, TO  
22 EMBRACE THE CONCERN, TO EMBRACE THE CRISES THAT WE SUFFER AND  
23 THEN GIVE US A DIAGNOSIS AS TO HOW TO RESOLVE IT. THAT'S FROM  
24 MISS KAY. I REALLY LIKED, MISS ROBIN KAY'S PIECE.

25

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3    **MICHELLE WATSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS MICHELLE WATSON FROM YOUTH  
4    JUSTICE COALITION AND BASICALLY EVERYBODY HERE IS IN SUPPORT  
5    OF D.A. LACEY'S COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLANS. AND I STRONGLY  
6    URGE YOU TO REINVEST A.B.109 REALIGNMENT FUNDS INTO RESOURCES  
7    FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS LIMITED ONLY  
8    TO INMATES NEGLECTS THE COMMUNITY THAT PAYS FOR THE SERVICES.  
9    AND ALSO THE GIRLS THAT WERE HERE EARLIER AND THEY SPOKE ABOUT  
10   BEING TRAFFICKED AND MORE IMPORTANTLY GETTING OUT. I LIVE IN  
11   THAT AREA. HIGH TRAFFIC ZONE. FIGUEROA AND IMPERIAL AND I SEE  
12   ALL THESE WOMEN THERE AND THEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND  
13   THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE ENDANGERED OR UNTIL  
14   THEY ARE INCARCERATED OR A DRUG ADDICT TO RECEIVE THOSE  
15   SERVICES. THEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE READILY IN THE COMMUNITY.  
16   AND PRISON IS NOT A PLACE TO CREATE A FUNCTIONAL, SUCCESSFUL  
17   MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE BECAUSE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
18   ACT, DOCUMENTS DECLASSIFY RELEASE ACCOUNTS OF EXPERIMENTS  
19   CARRIED OUT ON INMATES.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

22

23   **SPEAKER:** YEAH, WHATEVER.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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1

2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. FIND  
3 IT AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE MAYOR'S NEW BABY. WE HAVE A  
4 PROBLEM. WE'RE ALL FOR CLOSING THE PRISONS. BUT WHAT THE HECK  
5 DO WE DO WITH THOSE BIG BUILDINGS? I CAME UP WITH A WIN/WIN  
6 SOLUTION. WE TAKE THOSE BUILDINGS. THEY'VE GOT BIG STEEL BARS  
7 ON IT. THEY'RE DARK. AND WE RENT THEM OUT TO THE GAY COMMUNITY  
8 AS BATH HOUSES. I'M TELLING YOU, IT WILL BE, AFTER ALL, IT  
9 ISN'T AS IF THOSE WALLS HAVEN'T SEEN GAY SEX. THEY'VE BEEN  
10 SEEING GAY SEX AT THE PRISONS FOR 100 YEARS. AND NOW THAT  
11 WE'RE GETTING RID OF YAROSLAVSKY AND BRINGING IN A GAY MEMBER,  
12 WE ONLY HAVE ONE OUT OF FIVE HERE. THERE'S SIX GAY MEMBERS AT  
13 CITY COUNCIL. WE THINK THIS IS A WIN/WIN PROPOSITION. JWALSH  
14 CONFIDENTIAL, GO GAY WITH THE PRISONS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

17

18 **SHEILA WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M  
19 SHEILA WARD. 400 YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO JAILS HERE. THERE WAS  
20 NO MENTAL PROBLEMS WITH ANYBODY. WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS NO WHERE  
21 IN THIS COUNTRY WAS IN EUROPE. YOU PEOPLE BROUGHT IT HERE. YOU  
22 PUT INCARCERATING OUR BLACK PEOPLE FOR BEING BLACK, FOR BEING  
23 BLACK INDIANS. IN NEW ORLEANS ONLY ONE DAY A YEAR WE CAN BE A  
24 BLACK INDIAN, IT'S CALLED FAT TUESDAY. YOU CALL IT MARDI GRAS.  
25 IT'S 40 DAYS WHERE BLACK FAMILIES CAME TOGETHER FROM ALL OVER

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1 THE WORLD TO HAVE BLACK FAMILY REUNIONS. WE CELEBRATED FAT  
2 TUESDAY BECAUSE ON ONE DAY, I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE, WE TRADED. I  
3 TRADED WITH YOU. I TRADED WITH THE NEXT ONE. YOU GOT TO MY  
4 HOUSE, YOU TRADED WITH ME. WHATEVER ATE AT EACH OTHER'S HOUSE  
5 WE ATE IT IN THE NAME OF GOD. THE REASON YOU CALL IT FAT  
6 TUESDAY IS IT WILL NOT HURT ME TO EAT PORK OR PIGS OR WORMS OR  
7 WHATEVER. SO WEDNESDAY MEANS TO DIE TO BE REBORN. THAT MEANS  
8 FOR WEDNESDAY YOU FALSE THE FOR 40 DAYS. YOU DON'T PUT NOTHING  
9 IN YOUR BODY FROM NOTHING THAT WALKS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY THOSE TWO ITEMS WILL BE  
12 RECEIVED AND FILED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION MOVED. THE  
13 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. I  
14 CALLED ALL THE NAMES. I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE NAMES, SORRY. I'M  
15 TELLING YOU I CALLED ALL THE CARDS, ALL RIGHT? I DON'T NEED  
16 YOU RUNNING THE MEETING MR. PREVEN, OKAY? COME ON, MA'AM. THIS  
17 LOOK THE LAST SPEAKER HAVE LAST SPEAKER.

18

19 **SOFIA QUINONES:** MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES AND I STAND HERE AND  
20 I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE  
21 UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP  
22 AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST  
23 TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE.  
24 I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE  
25 UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP

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1 AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST  
2 TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE.  
3 I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. I RISE UP AGAINST TORTURE. 3,000  
4 MENTAL ILL PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. THE PLAN FAILS TO  
5 DEAL WITH THE KATRINA ON SKID ROW. YOU ARE TRACKING SKID ROW,  
6 AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN JAIL. THIS IS RACISM. YOU SHOULD ALL BE  
7 TRIED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ON  
10 ITEMS 11 AND 43, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO HAVE OUR RECEIVE AND FILL ON THIS  
16 ITEM. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION  
19 WAS PASSED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE MOVED. I SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
22 THE OTHER ITEMS WERE RECEIVE AND FILE. THEY WERE NOT ACTION  
23 ITEMS, ANYWAY THANK YOU. WE WILL BE LOSING A QUORUM. WE WILL  
24 BE IN RECESS UNTIL 2:00.

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[QUORUM REACHED]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. WE WILL

8 PROCEED WITH ITEM --

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 64.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 64. AND THE CLERK WILL SWEAR IN THE TESTIMONY

13 WHO ARE GOING TO TESTIFY.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON

16 ITEM NO. 64, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE

17 SWORN IN. AGAIN, THIS IS ITEM 64. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY

18 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE

19 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU

20 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. AND ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS

21 THE HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2007-02733-5, AND THE

22 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF

23 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND

24 REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSED ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN

25 LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED ANTELOPE AREA AND AMEND THE COUNTY



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1 CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
2 PROPOSED AREA PLAN. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.  
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE SEVERAL SPEAKERS ON  
4 THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT FIRST.

7

8 **CARL ADELLA:** THANK YOU. HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
9 MY NAME IS CARL ADELLA, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I  
10 AM BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE  
11 ALSO KNOWN AS TOWN AND COUNTRY. IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE  
12 OF THE EXISTING ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY  
13 THIS BOARD IN 1986. THOSE INCLUDED SUPPORTING ZONE CHANGES  
14 AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CODE INCLUDING  
15 ADOPTION OF A NEW RURAL COMMERCIAL AND RURAL MIXED USE ZONE  
16 FOR CONSISTENCY WITH UPDATED PLAN. STAFF HAS DETERMINED THAT  
17 AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR E.I.R. IS APPROPRIATE  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THIS PROJECT. A COMPLETE SET OF THE  
19 FINAL E.I.R. AND THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING  
20 PROGRAM AND THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
21 CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND PROVIDED TO THE BOARD  
22 FOR CONSIDERATION AND FINAL CERTIFICATION. THIS AREA PLAN  
23 UPDATE IS DEVELOPED WITH THREE OVERARCHING GOALS. THESE ARE TO  
24 BALANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITH THE PRESERVATION  
25 OF IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES IN THE UNIQUE RURAL

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1 CHARACTER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. RESPECT PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS  
2 OF THE LAND AND ENSURE EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN  
3 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLAN. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THESE  
4 GOALS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH THIS AREA PLAN. THEREFORE, STAFF  
5 RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD CONSIDERS THE PROJECT E.I.R. AND  
6 FIND ON THE BASIS THE WHOLE RECORD BEFORE THE BOARD TO THE  
7 SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT AS DESCRIBED HAVE  
8 EITHER BEEN REDUCED AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OR OPERATE WITH  
9 SPECIFIC SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL, TECHNOLOGICAL OR OTHER  
10 CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PROJECT AS STATED IN THE REQUIRED CEQA  
11 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENTS OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION.  
12 FINALLY THE FINAL E.I.R. REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT  
13 ANALYSIS OF THE BOARD, CERTIFY THE FINAL E.I.R. AND ADOPT THE  
14 FIND OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AS  
15 WELL AS THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM.  
16 INDICATOR THE APPROVED PROPOSED AREA PLAN OR ADVANCED PLANNING  
17 NUMBER 2007-00019 ASSOCIATED ZONE CHANGES OR ZONE CHANGE  
18 NUMBER 2014-00009 AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS OR ADVANCED  
19 PLANNING NUMBER 2014-00009 AS RECOMMENDED THE REGIONAL  
20 PLANNING COMMISSION. AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE  
21 THE FINAL DOCUMENTS AND ORDINANCE FOR THE AREA PLAN UPDATE AND  
22 BRING THEM DOWN FOR CONSIDERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING STAFF  
23 RECOMMENDED CHANGES. REVISE APPLICABILITY SECTION OF CHAPTER  
24 ONE PART FOUR OF THE AREA PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION  
25 TWO OF THE PROPOSED ZONING COURT ORDINANCE ADD LANGUAGE

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1 CLARIFIES THE DIRECTOR'S ROLE REGARDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE  
2 WHICH MAY BE UP TO A 10 PERCENT CHANGE AND CLARIFY FOR  
3 APPROVED APPLICATIONS DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR MAY  
4 BE APPEALED UNDER TITLE 22 PROVISIONS. REVISE THE ACTION  
5 SECTION OF CHAPTER 8 PART 2 TO CLARIFY THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE  
6 AND ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO THE WHOLE  
7 AREA NOT JUST THE TOWN CENTER. ADD SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO LAND  
8 USE LEGEND ON TABLE L-1 OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT DESCRIBING  
9 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE AREAS AND SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS.  
10 ADOPT VALLEY AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES AREA MAP AS AN AMENDMENT  
11 TO THE EXISTING GENERAL PLAN. ADD A SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY TO  
12 THE H5 IL AND SIERRA LAND USE DESIGNATIONS LOCATED ON THE  
13 EASTERN PARTS OF THE WEST E.O.A. AND ADJUST A RURAL  
14 PRESERVATION STRATEGY MAP TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FINAL LAND  
15 USE MAP THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL PLAN  
16 COMMISSION AND THIS BOARD. THIS INCLUDES A DEPARTMENT  
17 STATEMENT AND WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK  
18 YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT THE BLUE RIBBON  
21 COMMISSION, WHICH IS MADE UP OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERS IN  
22 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK THAN DEDICATION, I  
23 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. SOME OF THE MEMBERS ARE HERE. DIANE  
24 CARLTON, MARSHA BROWN, JAN IZERELLA, FOREST MCILLROY, HARVEY  
25 HOLLOWAY, JIM BOYCE, GREG MADEROS, KAREN BRIAN, REGINA

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1 ROSELLE, LISA MOLTEN, JULIE KEYL, JEAN NEBAKUR, WAYNE ARGO,  
2 AND VANCE POMEROY. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PLANNING  
3 DEPARTMENT FOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN IN  
4 TAILORING TO MEET THE NEEDS AND THAT'S OUR DIRECTOR RICHARD  
5 BRUCKNER, CARL NADELLA, SUZIE TAY. MARK CHILES AND EMMA  
6 HOWARD. WHILE THE PLAN IS NOT PERFECT IT WORKS TO BALANCE THE  
7 INTERESTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE PLAN CREATES ECONOMIC  
8 OPPORTUNITY GROWTH AREAS PROTECTS ECOLOGICAL HABITAT AND  
9 PROMOTES THE RURAL NATURE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BUT IS AN  
10 EXAMPLE WHERE WE HAVE A PLAN COMING THE BOTTOM UP INSTEAD OF  
11 THE TOP DOWN. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. AND THAT TOOK THE HARD  
12 WORK, THE VOLUNTEERS, THE RESIDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
13 BUT A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS I'D FIRST LIKE TO ASK THE  
14 DEPARTMENT. THE PLAN CREATES THREE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS.  
15 COULD YOU EXPLAIN HOW THOSE WORK?

16  
17 **CARL ADELLA:** WELL, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS OR E.O.A.S ARE  
18 ARE A RECOGNITION OF THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE  
19 BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR  
20 THE NORTHWEST 138 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH ARE BOTH  
21 PROJECTS OF METRO AND CALTRANS THAT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN  
22 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE AREAS ALONG THE PROPOSED ROUTES OF  
23 THESE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THIS AREA PLAN AS  
24 HAVING THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN WHAT  
25 IS CURRENTLY EXISTING UNDERGROUND.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE S.E.A. EXPANSION AFFECT THE ECONOMIC  
3 OPPORTUNITY AREAS?

4

5 **CARL ADELLA:** THEY WILL NOT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES WILL BE AFFECTED  
8 BY THE S.E.A. EXPANSIONS. COULD YOU EXPLAIN HOW THAT WORKS?

9

10 **CARL ADELLA:** THE S.E.A. WILL EXEMPT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES  
11 AND THEIR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS  
12 THEY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES, ACCESSORY  
15 STRUCTURES AND ANIMAL KEEPING FACILITIES AFFECTED BY THE  
16 S.E.A.S?

17

18 **CARL ADELLA:** THEY WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE ORDINANCE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WOULD S.E.A. AFFECT UTILITY SCALES  
21 SOLAR AND WIND PROJECTS?

22

23 **CARL ADELLA:** THE DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING THAT RENEWABLE ENERGY  
24 PROJECTS WILL BE PROHIBITED IN THE S.E.A.S AS PART OF THE  
25 UPCOMING RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WILL THE PENDING APPLICATIONS BE  
3 TREATED UNDER THE PLAN?

4

5 **CARL ADELLA:** THEY ARE GRANDFATHERED IN AND WILL BE CONSIDERED  
6 UNDER THE EXISTING AREA PLAN.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE AREA PLAN RELATE TO THE PENDING  
9 GENERAL PLAN?

10

11 **CARL ADELLA:** THE AREA PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN NEED TO BE  
12 CONSISTENT WITH EACH OTHER.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.  
15 AND IT WILL BE LIMITED BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER TO 1 MINUTE EACH.  
16 IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SPEAK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO. FIRST OF ALL,  
17 WE WANT EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO SUPPORTS THIS ITEM 64,  
18 COULD YOU PLEASE STAND? THANK YOU, THANK YOU. I'LL BEGIN BY  
19 CALLING SUSAN ZAHTNER. MARGARET RHYNE? JUDITH FUENTES AND RON  
20 JONES? CYNTHIA MORGAN? STEVE KINNY? KELLY WEPPLER. JUST GIVE  
21 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

22

23 **RON JONES:** RON JONES.

24

25 **STEVE KENNEY:** STEVE KENNEY.

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1  
2 **CYNTHIA MORGAN:** AND CYNTHIA MORGAN.

3  
4 **RON JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS  
5 RON JONES. I AM THE OWNER OF 50 ACRES OF PRIVATE LAND IN THE  
6 ANGELES NATURAL FOREST WHICH ENCOMPASSES WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE  
7 BRIDGE TO NOWHERE AN ICONIC BRIDGE HIKING AND ADVENTURE  
8 TOURISM AREA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 20 YEARS AGO WE BROUGHT IN  
9 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENGINEERS AND LICENSED IT AS THE FIRST  
10 AND ONLY BUNGEE JUMPING SITE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE  
11 HAVE BEEN RUNNING THAT SITE FOR 20 YEARS VERY SUCCESSFULLY  
12 WITH AN IMPECCABLE SAFETY RECORD. AND EARLIER THIS YEAR IT WAS  
13 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ZONING  
14 LAWS NEVER CONTEMPLATED ADVENTURE TOURISM IN THE SENSE OF  
15 BUNGEE JUMPING OFF THE BRIDGE TO NO WHERE. WE ARE IN SUPPORT  
16 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA WIDE UPDATE BECAUSE IT  
17 ACCOMMODATES FOR THINGS THAT WERE NEVER THOUGHT OF, FRANKLY,  
18 INDUSTRIES THAT NEVER EXISTED WHEN THAT PLAN WAS INITIATED. SO  
19 WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING  
20 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

21  
22 **STEVE KINNEY:** MY NAME IS STEVE KINNEY. I FIRST WENT OUT TO TO  
23 BRIDGE TO NO WHERE TO BUNGEE JUMP 20 YEARS AGO. IT WAS A LIFE  
24 CHANGING EXPERIENCE. SINCE THEN I HAVE BROUGHT NEARLY 100  
25 PEOPLE TO DO THAT. LET ME SHARE WITH AN EXAMPLE OF SOMEBODY



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1 THAT EXPERIENCED THAT RECENTLY. A FRIEND OF MINE HER NAME  
2 CINDA, A SINGLE MOTHER OF SIX TOOK HER OLDEST SON THAT WAS  
3 PHYSICALLY ABUSED UP TO THE BRIDGE. HE WAS SCARED OF HIS OWN  
4 SHADOW WHEN HE WENT OUT THERE. AFTER THAT EXPERIENCE IT  
5 CHANGED HIM. HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD ACTUALLY PUSH THROUGH  
6 FEAR AND ACCOMPLISH THINGS THAT HE COULDN'T BEFORE. I'VE SEEN  
7 THAT EXPERIENCE TIME AND TIME AGAIN. BY TAKING THIS OPTION  
8 AWAY WHETHER YOU CAN HIKE FIVE MILES 2-1/2 HOURS OUT, 2-1/2  
9 HOURS BACK AND PEOPLE CAN PUSH THROUGH THEIR FEAR TO CHANGE  
10 THEIR LIVES I THINK WOULD BE A TRAGEDY. I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS  
11 SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN EXPERIENCE WHAT I'VE EXPERIENCED,  
12 WHAT SHE'S EXPERIENCED AND WHAT I'VE SEEN HAPPEN OVER DID 20  
13 TIMES THAT I HAVE BEEN THERE HAPPEN BEFORE FOR ALMOST A  
14 QUARTER CENTURY. THANK YOU.

15  
16 **CYNTHIA MORGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CYNTHIA MORGAN ON BEHALF OF  
17 BUNGEE AMERICA. I'M PASSING OUT TO YOU NOW A LETTER THAT WE  
18 WROTE TO YOU. AND I JUST WANTED TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO  
19 HIGHLIGHTS IN THAT LETTER. WE BELIEVE THE PLAN IS SUPPORTABLE  
20 AND SHOULD BE APPROVED BY YOU TODAY BECAUSE THE PLAN SUPPORTS  
21 THE REZONE THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR TO BASICALLY BRING THE LAND  
22 INTO CONFORMANCE FOR COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE. AS MY CLIENT  
23 HAS ALREADY TESTIFIED, HE'S BEEN IN BUSINESS THERE FOR OVER 20  
24 YEARS WITH NO INCIDENTS AND HAS HAD A GREAT RECORD. WE BELIEVE  
25 THE PLAN ZONE APPROPRIATE RECREATIONAL USES ON A PROPERTY

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1 THAT'S ALREADY USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FURTHERMORE, IT'S A  
2 FLEXIBLE PLAN THAT ALLOWS US TO ADAPT TO NEW USES AS MY CLIENT  
3 HAS STATED AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN  
4 THE AREA WITHOUT CHANGING THE RURAL NATURE OF THAT VALLEY.  
5 FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE IT SUPPORTS A CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE  
6 ELEMENT OF THE PLAN TO REZONE TO PROTECT THE OPEN SPACE AND  
7 RECREATIONAL NATURE TO ALLOW FOR WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND TO  
8 ALLOW IT FOR TO BE CONTINUED TO USED FOR PUBLIC RECREATION  
9 WHICH IT'S ALREADY BEING USED FOR. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
10 THANK YOU.

11  
12 **KELLY WEPPLER:** KELLY WEPPLER, SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER. I'M IN  
13 FAVOR OF THE ZONE CHANGE FOR THE BRIDGE TO NO WHERE. I'VE BEEN  
14 WORKING WITH BUNGEE AMERICA FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS NOW. BUNGEE  
15 AMERICA OFFERS A TRULY UNIQUE ADVENTURE TOURISM EXPERIENCE  
16 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMBINING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY,  
17 NATURE, HISTORY AND ADVENTURE. WE GET A NUMBER OF REQUESTS  
18 OVER SOCIAL MEDIA FROM VISITORS PLANNING TRIPS FROM AFAR.  
19 EUROPE, AUSTRALIA, ALL OVER THE U.S., THEY ASK US WHERE TO  
20 STAY, WHAT ELSE TO DO AND TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE LOCAL AREA  
21 PRIOR TO THEIR EXPERIENCE. BUT THE ONE THING THAT STANDS OUT  
22 IS HOW OUR GUESTS DESCRIBE THEIR DAY AS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT AND  
23 AMAZING EXPERIENCE. THEY TALK ABOUT IT AS "GOOD CLEAN FUN"  
24 WHERE THEY GET SOME TIME OUTDOORS HIKING, LEARNING ABOUT  
25 NATURE HISTORY AND TAKING CARE OF OUR RESOURCES. ALL OF THESE

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1 THINGS CREATE AN EXPERIENCE THEY'LL NEVER FORGET, FREQUENTLY  
2 LEADING TO NEW FOUND INTERESTS IN THOSE VERY SAME THINGS RIGHT  
3 HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'LL CALL UP FOUR, WHILE YOU  
6 COME UP, WE HAVE THREE THAT PREVIOUSLY CALLED FROM LANCASTER  
7 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR ON THE VIDEO. BUT GRETCHEN GENDREAU,  
8 CHRISTOPHER ANITA, PAM WOLTER, AND JOHN VIDICT. AND IN  
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY, SUSAN ZAHTNER TO BE FOLLOWED BY MARGARET  
10 RHYNE AND THEN JUDITH FUENTES.

11

12 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER. I AM A RESIDENT OF  
13 THE NORTHWESTERN ANTELOPE VALLEY THREE POINTS LIBRE MOUNTAINS  
14 AREA. I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR'S PROPOSAL TO  
15 EXCLUDE UTILITY SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SIGNIFICANT  
16 ECOLOGICAL AREAS. HOWEVER, I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT RURAL  
17 COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS ON THE VALLEY FLOOR. THIS PLAN  
18 PROPOSES AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD CONVERSION OF A-1 LIGHT AG,  
19 AGRICULTURALLY ZONED LAND TO A-2 HEAVY AGRICULTURAL LAND. THIS  
20 WOULD ALLOW UTILITY SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY ON AN ADDITIONAL  
21 190,000 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH ONLY REVIEW BY  
22 REGIONAL PLANNING. I ASK THAT YOU INSERT LANGUAGE IN THE PLAN  
23 THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINAL APPROVAL OF THESE PROJECTS BY THE  
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO RURAL RESIDENTS ARE NOT DISADVANTAGED  
25 BY THE OVER \$800 APPEAL FEE. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE SILVERADO

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1 PROJECTS WOULD HAVE COST \$4,800 TO APPEAL TO THE BOARD. THIS  
2 IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE DESERT  
3 RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS DEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREA MAP  
4 THAT ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THIS WILL DIRECT  
5 EVEN MORE ENERGY, DEVELOPMENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE GOING TO BE EXCLUDED SO  
8 TO ADDRESS YOUR ISSUE. THE NEXT INDIVIDUAL? GOOD AFTERNOON.

9

10 **MARGARET RHYNE:** HELLO, I'M MARGARET RHYNE, A 40-YEAR RESIDENT  
11 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION  
12 OF SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS. THIS EXPANSION WAS THE RESULT  
13 OF INTENSE SCIENTIFIC SCRUTINY THAT STRETCHED OVER A DECADE. I  
14 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR HIS PROPOSAL TO  
15 REMOVE BOTH S.C.A.S AND E.O.A.S FROM CONSIDERATION FOR  
16 INDUSTRIAL WIND AND SOLAR. THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD THAT  
17 RECOGNIZES THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT OF INDUSTRIAL WIND AND SOLAR  
18 ON RURAL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS.  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS HAVE PRODUCED DETAILED STUDIES  
20 DEMONSTRATING THAT WE CAN DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH CLIMATE CHANGE  
21 WITHOUT DESTROYING OPEN SPACE BY UTILIZING DISTRIBUTED SOLAR,  
22 EMERGING STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS THAT REDUCE  
23 CONSUMPTION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE PLANNERS  
24 FOR STATEMENTS IN THE F.E.I.R. THAT EMPHASIZED SITE-SPECIFIC  
25 RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND STATE THEY ARE HIGHLY PREFERRED

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1 OVER UTILITY SCALE ENERGY PROJECTS. FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO  
2 POINT OUT THAT MUCH OF THE VALLEY FLOOR IS STILL VULNERABLE TO  
3 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. AND SINCE IT'S A FOCUSED AREA OF THE  
4 G.R.A.C.P., I THINK THE SUPERVISOR'S PROPOSAL IS A JOINT STEP  
5 FORWARD AND THAT WE NEED TO MOVE EVEN FARTHER TO PROTECT OUR  
6 REMAINING OPEN SPACE IN THE WESTERN ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE  
7 ALREADY HAVE 5,000 ACRES IN INDUSTRIAL SOLAR IN JUST THE LOS  
8 ANGELES PART OF THE WESTERN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **JUDITH FUENTES:** I'M JUDITH FUENTES, A RESIDENT OF AND ANTELOPE  
14 BAKERS. PLEASE REMOVE THE WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY ZONE CHANGES  
15 FROM A1 TO A2. THE AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS MUST BE  
16 PROMOTED IN THE PLAN TO SHOW THERE IS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION  
17 FOR CONSERVING OUR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE. THE WATER  
18 ADJUDICATION CONTINUES TODAY, SO THE PLAN SHOULD REFLECT  
19 ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON USAGE THAT WOULD CAUSE THE LOSS OF  
20 ALL REMAINING NATURAL WATER SHEDS ENVIRONMENTS BY WAY OF  
21 EXCESSIVE PUFFING OR POLLUTION OF ANY KIND OF DEVELOPMENTS.  
22 OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES MUST USE TERTIARY TREATED  
23 WATER, OR WATER FROM OUTSIDE THE ANTELOPE WATER VALLEY BASIN  
24 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. GROUND WATER SHOULD NOT BE  
25 USED. HIGHWAYS: PLEASE DOWNGRADE THE DESIGNATION OF RURAL AND

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1 SCENIC ROADS FROM MAJOR HIGHWAYS TO LIMITED SECONDARY  
2 HIGHWAYS. THIS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THESE ROADS DO NOT  
3 BECOME USED AS TRUCKING ROUTES. DARK SKIES. PLEASE BE  
4 SENSITIVE AND PRESERVE DARK SKIES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. GIVE YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

7

8 **GRETCHEN GENDREAU:** GRETCHEN GENDREAU. YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS  
9 ACTION TODAY WILL GIVE THE OWNERS OF BUNGEE AMERICA AND BRIDGE  
10 TO NO- WHERE LOCATED ON 50 ACRES OF PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED  
11 WITHIN THE NATIONAL FOREST THE ZONING CHANGE THEY NEED TO  
12 CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AS THEY HAVE FOR THE PAST 20 PLUS  
13 YEARS. THE STAFF OF BUNGEE AMERICA NOT ONLY GUIDE THEIR  
14 PATRONS ON THE HIKE TO THE BRIDGE TO NO WHERE BUT THEY ALSO  
15 ALSO EVERY WEEKEND TO BUNGEE JUMP OFF THE BRIDGE BUT ARE ALSO  
16 AMBASSADORS TO THE NATIONAL FOREST THEY CONTINUALLY CLEAN UP  
17 THE CANYON AND LOOK OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. THEY ARE  
18 TRAINED IN FIRST AID AND CARRY FIRST AID KITS WITH THEM AT ALL  
19 TIMES. AT THE BRIDGE IS ALSO SATELLITE PHONE. THEY HAVE A VERY  
20 ORGANIZED EMERGENCY PROTOCOL THAT CAN BE USED IN CASE OF A  
21 SERIOUS EMERGENCY. THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST IS OVER 1,000  
22 SQUARE MILES. THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS  
23 MAY AT BEST CLEAN THIS TRAIL ONE OR TWO TIMES A YEAR. BUNGEE  
24 AMERICA ARE THE GUARDIANS AND STEWARDS OF THIS CANYON. NOT  
25 ONLY INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA BUT ALSO

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1 CLEANING UP TRASH LEFT BY COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL  
2 PUBLIC 52 WEEKENDS PER YEAR WHILE ALSO GIVING THEIR PATRONS AN  
3 EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME.

4  
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO BACK TO THE ANTELOPE  
6 VALLEY. NEXT SPEAKER JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

7  
8 **JEFF OLESH:** JEFF OLESH. I'M WITH TRANSITION HABITAT  
9 CONSERVANCY AND THE LAKE ELIZABETH MUTUAL WATER COMPANY THOUGH  
10 I'M NOT REPRESENTING THE OPINION OF THOSE BOARDS. I WOULD LIKE  
11 TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE S.E.A.S AND THE EXPANSION OF THE  
12 S.E.A.S. THESE ARE AREAS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS DEEMED AS  
13 HIGHLY BIOTIC. AND I THINK THAT THEY'RE WELL WORTH SAVING AND  
14 SETTING ASIDE. SECOND IS THE ZONE CHANGE FROM A1 TO A2. THIS  
15 WOULD ENABLE UTILITY-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY TO GO EVERYWHERE  
16 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND IF YOU LIVE THERE AND YOU GET IN A  
17 LITTLE BIT OF A HIGH SPOT HERE OR THERE, YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE  
18 WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. THE VALLEY IS FILLING UP. I THINK THE  
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS DONE ITS PART AS FAR AS RENEWABLE ENERGY  
20 IS CONCERNED. THE STATE HAS REACHED ITS 33 PERCENT. AND WE  
21 NEED TO REALLY STEP BACK AND A MORATORIUM AND LOOK AT WHAT'S  
22 HAPPENING HERE AS FAR AS THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF RENEWABLE  
23 ENERGY. THANK YOU.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. JOHN VIDIC? JANET LAMMON,  
2 JAMES GRECO? YES, SIR.

3

4 **CHRIS PINEDA:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS PINEDA. I'M THE BRIDGE  
5 MANAGER FOR BUNGEE AMERICA. EVERY WEEKEND I GET THE  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH TEENAGERS, YOUNG ADULTS  
7 AND FAMILIES THAT ARE OFFERED NO WHERE ELSE. IT'S SUCH A GREAT  
8 PLACE FOR KIDS TO BRIDGE THE GAP WITH THEIR PARENTS. I HAVE  
9 BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO EXPERIENCE THIS OPPORTUNITY FIRSTHAND  
10 MYSELF. AND IT'S SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE TO SEE KIDS AND  
11 ADULTS TOGETHER DOING THE ACTIVITY WHICH IS KIND OF A LOST  
12 EVENT NOWADAYS. IT'S SO HARD TO GET THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO  
13 DO ANYTHING WITH THEIR PARENTS AND TO SEE THEM OUT HERE AND  
14 SEE THE PARENTS JUMP OFF A BRIDGE OR ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO  
15 SOMETHING DIFFERENT, YOU KNOW? THE BEST GIFT THE PARENT GAVE A  
16 CHILD AT THE BRIDGE I WANT THEM TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING THEY  
17 NEVER THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE. THAT THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN  
18 JUST GOING TO SCHOOL, GETTING A JOB AND CONTINUING ON WITH A  
19 MEDIOCRE LIFE, IT'S ALL ABOUT EXPERIENCES. I FEEL WE OFFER  
20 THAT. AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF 46. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO CALL UP MARK MAJER AND DAN  
23 SILVER. YES, SIR.

24

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1 **JAMES GRECO:** JAMES GRECO, I'M REPRESENTING BRUCE BURROWS AND  
2 HIS PARTNERS, THEIR PROPERTY IS SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT TO BE  
3 DEVELOPED AS A SPECIFIC PLAN IN THE WESTERN ECONOMIC AREA OF  
4 OPPORTUNITY AREA. WE STARTED A PROCESS TO DEVELOP HIS LAND  
5 SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WE CAME TO STAFF AND WE STARTED A VERY DEEP  
6 AND STRONG UPWARD BATTLE AND THEY ASKED US TO BE PATIENT AND  
7 WORK WITH THEM. AND I PLEDGED THAT WE WOULD DO SO AND THAT WE  
8 WOULD BE HERE TODAY TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR WORK AND THE  
9 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ITS WORK. SO BRIEFLY I JUST  
10 WANTED TO BE HERE TO SAY THAT WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
11 RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND YOUR  
12 STAFF AND HOPING YOU'LL ADAPT THIS PLAN AS RECOMMENDED.

13  
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

15  
16 **JANET LAMMON:** I'M JANET LAMMON AND I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THIS  
17 --

18  
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TURN YOUR MICROPHONE AROUND. START OVER  
20 AGAIN.

21  
22 **JANET LAMMON:** I'M SORRY. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME. I'M JANET  
23 LAMMON AND I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THIS INTO THE RECORD. THIS IS  
24 REGARDING THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND I'D LIKE PERMISSION TO  
25 READ THE ONE PAGE I HAVE. I HOPE I CAN DO IT IN A MINUTE.

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1 SANTA CLARA RIVER SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA NO. 192361 AND I  
2 ALSO HAVE THE REPORT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOUR VOTE IS  
3 TODAY. PLEASE ASK YOURSELF WHY IS THIS LAND WITHOUT PROOF OF  
4 FUNCTIONALITY TO THE PURPOSE OF THE S.E.A. BEING INCLUDED IN  
5 THE S.E.A. WHEN THESE REPORTS WERE DONE IN NOVEMBER 2000? MOST  
6 OF THE S.E.A. BOUNDARIES IN ACTON INCLUDE NO BIOLOGICAL  
7 RESOURCES OF CONCERN. I SAY MOST. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, A LOT  
8 OF AREAS THAT ARE. THIS [INAUDIBLE] FROM NOVEMBER 2000. 14  
9 YEARS AGO. PRIVATE PROPERTY INTO AN S.E.A. AND RESTRICTING ANY  
10 PERCENT OF THEIR USAGE IS SKIRTING THE MITIGATION EQUITY LOSS  
11 THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IF IT WAS EMINENT DOMAIN. THE S.E.A.  
12 PROPOSAL PRICES PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS OUT OF THEIR EQUITY BY  
13 REQUIRING C.U.P.S AND BIOLOGISTS TO BE PAID OUT OF THEIR  
14 POCKET. ALSO SIGNING THEIR RIGHTS AWAY UPON RESALE FOR THE  
15 FUTURE PURCHASERS. THERE IS NO MITIGATION OFFERED. THIS IS A  
16 SEIZURE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY USE AND RIGHTS WITHOUT  
17 COMPENSATION. I WOULD ASK THAT A STUDY BE DONE TO PRODUCE  
18 PROPER BOUNDARIES. I THANK YOU GENTLEMEN. JANET LAMMON.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET US GO TO ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR  
21 GINGER STOUT AND THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO YOU. GINGER?

22  
23 **GINGER STOUT:** FIRST TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS IMMENSE JOB  
24 THAT YOU'RE COMPLETING AND THE WILLINGNESS OF PLANNING TO MEET  
25 AND MAKE THEMSELVES VERY AVAILABLE WITH THE PUBLIC. WE REALLY,

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1 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT THE  
2 RESIDENTS HAVE BECAUSE THERE'S SOME VAGUE DETAILS THAT LEAVE  
3 SOME WORRIES AND QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE THAT WE'D LIKE TO  
4 SEE SPELLED OUT. ONE IS OF COURSE THE TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT  
5 RIGHTS THAT SAYS TO ALL TOWN CENTERS. THAT'S A LITTLE  
6 TROUBLESOME BECAUSE THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO AREAS THAT HAVE  
7 ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND NOT TO END UP PROMOTING SPRAWL BY  
8 HAVING STRIP MALLS HERE AND A LITTLE BIT THERE ALL OVER EVEN  
9 THOUGH I KNOW YOU'RE ANTICIPATING GROWTH, BUT SMART GROWTH IS  
10 CERTAINLY A REALLY GOOD CHANCE TO GET IT RIGHT IN A WONDERFUL  
11 PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SECOND, THE ZONE CHANGE FROM A1 TO  
12 A2 WAS THE FIRST APPROVED AND APPLAUDED BY RESIDENTS ON THE  
13 VALLEY FLOOR BECAUSE THEY WERE HAVING A RURAL LIFESTYLE. GIVE  
14 THEM MORE OPPORTUNITIES. BUT RAPIDLY THEY REALIZED THAT A2  
15 MEANT IT WOULD BE SOLAR AND WIND. MOSTLY SOLAR. AND THERE  
16 WOULD BE NO RECOURSE WITHOUT A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT HAS  
17 TO BE RAISED TO APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO IF WE  
18 COULD ASK THAT SOME OF THAT BE SENT BACK TO LOOK AT CHANGING  
19 SOME OF THAT BACK FROM A2 TO A1, WE'D APPRECIATE THAT. THANK  
20 YOU VERY MUCH.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, GINGER. YES, SIR.

23  
24 **MARK MAJER:** MY NAME IS MARK MAJER AND I REPRESENT THE  
25 OWNERSHIP FOR ACORN AND POST RANCH. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR A

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1 MOTION THAT REVISES THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND EXPANSION OF  
2 THE S.E.A. PROPOSED FOR OUR LAND OWNERSHIP BY THE DEPARTMENT  
3 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. WE PROCESSED THIS APPLICATION IN GOOD  
4 FAITH WITH THE COUNTY OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD AND WE'RE HAVING A  
5 REALLY DIFFICULT TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY WE ARE BEING MET WITH  
6 SUCH CHALLENGE TO SIMPLY MAINTAINING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION  
7 FOR OUR PROPERTY. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDER APPLICATION SINCE  
8 2004 AND OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN DEEMED COMPLETE SINCE 2005.  
9 WE WORKED VERY HARD OVER THE YEARS TO ADDRESS THAT AND MAKE  
10 SURE WE DESIGNED A WELL RECEIVED PROJECT WITH EMPHASIS ON  
11 MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. WE ARE SIMPLY HERE TODAY  
12 RESPECTFULLY TO ASK THAT WE ARE NOT OVERLOOKED AND THAT YOU  
13 CONSIDER A LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR OUR PROPERTY AS PROVIDED  
14 TO YOU IN THE EXHIBIT WHICH IS MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
15 CURRENT GENERAL PLAN AND ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE WITH OUR  
16 PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEEN PROCESSING FOR OVER A DECADE.  
17 FINALLY PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE OUR  
18 REQUEST HEARD AND CONSIDERED IN THE APPROPRIATE FORMS PRIOR TO  
19 TODAY'S HEARING BUT APPARENTLY WITHOUT SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ISAAC TOVEG AND DIANE  
22 CARLTON NEXT.

23  
24 **DAN SILVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DAN SILVER.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TURN YOUR MICROPHONE AROUND. THAT PART. THERE  
2 YOU GO. OKAY.

3

4 **DAN SILVER:** SORRY. GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DAN SILVER, ENDANGERED  
5 HABITATS LEAGUE. WE SUPPORT SOME ELEMENTS OF THIS PLAN, THE  
6 TOWN CENTER, PATTERN OF GROWTH, RURAL PRESERVES AND THE  
7 EXPANSION OF THE S.E.A.S. THERE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE NO  
8 ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE S.E.A.S AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I  
9 WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN OBSTACLE TO GOOD LAND USE  
10 PLANNING AND SITE DESIGN, HOWEVER. THIS IS THE ACCESSIBLY  
11 LARGE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF 2 ACRES WHICH WILL THWART AVOIDANCE  
12 OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IT SHOULD BE REDUCED TO A VERY MODEST  
13 REDUCTION OF 1 ACRE, WHICH WOULD GIVE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
14 THE TOOLS IT NEEDS WHILE PRESERVING RURAL CHARACTER. FINALLY,  
15 THIS PLAN ADMITS THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER. IT SAYS  
16 THERE'S NOT ENOUGH WATER TO SERVE THE GROWTH. IN A RELATED  
17 MATTER, WE'VE SUBMITTED A LETTER SHOWING THAT RECIRCULATION IS  
18 NEEDED FOR THE WATER HAUL INITIATIVE. NONE OF THOSE IMPACTS OF  
19 THAT INITIATIVE WERE CONSIDERED IN THIS DOCUMENTATION. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ALSO LET ME CALL UP JACQUELINE  
23 AYER AND SARAH KLEINBERG. YES.

24

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1 **SARAH KLEINBERG:** HI, MY NAME IS SARAH KLEINBERG I'M ONE OF THE  
2 ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING FROM JACKSON DEMARCO TITUS AND  
3 PECKINPAL REPRESING M.D.M ON THE GORUM POST RANCH PROJECT.  
4 MARCUS SUMMARIZED THE PROJECT AND REQUESTED CERTAIN CHANGES. I  
5 BELIEVE THERE'S A DOCUMENT IN FRONT OF YOU THAT SHOWS THE LAND  
6 USE CHANGE HE'S PROPOSING. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS PREPARED A VERY  
7 BRIEF SUMMARY WITH FIVE BULLET POINTS THAT CAN BE READ INTO  
8 THE RECORD OR ANY MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT WITH THESE  
9 CHANGES. THE BRIEF SUMMARY THAT WE PREPARED BASICALLY TRACKS  
10 THE LAND USE THAT MARK SUBMITTED TO YOU SO THIS COULD BE READ  
11 INTO THE RECORD OR A MOTION APPROVING THESE CHANGES. WE'D LIKE  
12 TO DISTRIBUTE THEM FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY  
13 MUCH.

14  
15 **DIANE CARLTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR AND  
16 SUPERVISORS. I AM DIANE CARLTON, A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY. I AM BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENTING THE BLUE  
18 RIBBON COMMITTEE, A DEDICATED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES  
19 AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO ASSISTED  
20 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPDATED ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN.  
21 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, I WANT TO  
22 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN  
23 OUR QUEST TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
24 PLANNING TO MODIFY THE ORIGINAL DRAFT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
25 AREA PLAN TOWN AND COUNTRY INTO SOMETHING WHICH WE BELIEVE



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1 MORE CLOSELY SERVES THE NEEDS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AS A  
2 RESULT OF THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE BLUE RIBBON  
3 COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT, THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS  
4 HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. AS A GROUP, WE BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO  
5 MAXIMIZE POTENTIAL OF THE E.O.A.S SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA  
6 DESIGNATION SHOULD BE OMITTED FROM THESE AREAS AND REQUEST  
7 THAT YOU PROVIDE THIS CHANGE IN YOUR ACTION TODAY. WE ALSO  
8 REQUEST THAT YOU EXEMPT THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE SINGLE-FAMILY  
9 RESIDENCES, BARNS, ARENAS AND ANIMAL KEEPING STRUCTURES IN THE  
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN. THANK YOU.

11  
12 **JACQUELINE AYER:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER AND I WOULD ALSO  
13 LIKE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE STAFF OF REGIONAL  
14 PLANNING GOING BACK ALMOST A DECADE STARTING WITH MARK HURWICK  
15 AND MITCH GLAZER EXTENDING ALL THE WAY TO LAST NIGHT,  
16 CONVERSATIONS WITH CARL DADELLA. ON BEHALF OF ALL FIVE  
17 COUNCILMEN ELECT OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL I RESPECTFULLY ASK  
18 THE BOARD APPROVE THE COMMERCIALLY DESIGNATED LAND USES AS  
19 DEPICTED IN THE LAND USE MAP RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE  
20 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. I ALSO ASK THAT ALL FUTURE ZONE  
21 CHANGES REQUESTS GO THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED GENERAL PLAN  
22 AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE PROCESS. ON MY OWN BEHALF, I OFFER  
23 MY SUPPORT TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION PROPOSED PURSUANT  
24 TO THIS AGENDA ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. COULD WE ALSO HAVE THE STAFF  
2   RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE POINTS THAT WERE RAISED?

3

4   **CARL ADELLA:** I THINK WE'VE ADDRESSED A FEW OF THEM. FIRST OF  
5   ALL, JUST TO REITERATE THAT IN THE EXISTING S.E.A. ORDINANCE  
6   WE ARE EXEMPTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND THEIR ACCESSORY  
7   STRUCTURES. WITH REGARDS TO THE A1, A2 E ZONING, WE ARE GOING  
8   TO HAVE THE UPCOMING RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE THAT WILL  
9   ADDRESS QUITE A BIT OF THESE CONCERNS. AND WE ACTUALLY ARE  
10   GOING TO THE COMMUNITIES TOMORROW AND NEXT WEEK OR SO TO  
11   GATHER THEIR INPUTS ON THESE ORDINANCE. SO WE HAVE SOMETHING  
12   COMING UP THAT WOULD ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY THE CONCERNS ON THE  
13   RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, ALONG WITH RICHARD AND YOUR DEPARTMENT  
16   AS I MENTIONED THANKING YOU, I WANT TO THANK MY DEPUTIES NORM  
17   ANKLING AND IDELLE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND WORKING WITH  
18   THEM. I SEE JOHN BAYLOCK IS IN THE AUDIENCE ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T  
19   SPEAK TODAY. WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP, AS WELL. THE  
20   EXISTING ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY OUR BOARD ON  
21   DECEMBER 4, 1986. IT HAD HORIZON YEAR OF 2000. THUS THERE WAS  
22   A NEED TO UPDATE THE AREA PLAN REFLECTING VARIOUS CHANGES AND  
23   DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS, PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
24   THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCILS, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
25   AREA PLAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL

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1 PLANNING, WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN APPROPRIATE BALANCE  
2 BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVATION OF  
3 IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND THE PROTECTING OF UNIQUE  
4 RURAL CHARACTER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
5 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING CERTIFYING IT HAS REVIEWED CONSIDERED  
6 THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AND THE FINAL E.I.R., CERTIFYING  
7 THE FINAL E.I.R. HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
8 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND THE STATE AND COUNTY  
9 C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES REFLECTING THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE  
10 BOARD AS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROPOSED  
11 PROJECT, ADOPTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STATEMENT OF  
12 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, INDICATE  
13 THE INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AREA PLAN, ADVANCE PLANNING  
14 NUMBER ZONING CODE AMENDMENT, ADVANCE PLANNING NUMBER 2014-  
15 0009 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WITH  
16 THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CHANGES: 1) ADD A PROVISION THAT  
17 ENSURES THAT IF A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
18 AREA PLAN AND ANY NEW OR EXISTING S.E.A. ORDINANCE, PROVISIONS  
19 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN SHALL CONTROL. ADJUST THE  
20 SIGNIFICANT S.E.A. DESIGNATION WITHIN THE EAST AND CENTRAL  
21 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AREAS TO THE BOUNDARIES WHICH GENERALLY  
22 ALIGN WITH THE EXISTING ADOPTED S.E.A.S AND DO NOT INCLUDE ANY  
23 ADDITIONAL S.E.A. EXPANSION IN THE E.Q.A.S ALSO REMOVING THE  
24 S.E.A. DESIGNATION FROM R.L.1C.R.N.I.L. IN THE WEST E.O.A. AS  
25 DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED MAP C. WITH ANY PROJECT ON THE WEST

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1 E.O.A. PROCEEDS WITH A SPECIFIC PLAN PURSUANT TO THE  
2 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65359, 65450 THROUGH 65457. PLAN  
3 AMENDMENT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AS LONG AS IT THE PROPOSED  
4 DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN.  
5 WITHIN THE E.O.A., THE S.E.A. OVERLAY DESIGNATION SHALL APPLY  
6 ONLY TO THE PORTION OF THE PARCEL OR LOT THAT ARE INDICATED AS  
7 S.E.A.S IN THE LAND USE PROJECT POLICY MAP OF THE AREA PLAN.  
8 PROPORTION OF SUCH A LOT AS AN S.E.A. OVERLAY DESIGNATION.  
9 ONLY THAT PORTION OF THE LOT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE S.E.A.  
10 REGULATION NOT THE ENTIRE LOT NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2256-215  
11 OF L.A. COUNTY CODE. THE LEAGUE COMMUNITY PLAN REQUIREMENT  
12 FROM THE CENTRAL AND EAST E.O.A.S IN THE A.V.A.P. MAKE ZONING  
13 CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED LAND USE POLICY MAP AND THE WEST  
14 E.O.A. BY CHANGE A.210 TO R.P.D. TO ALLOW THE APPROPRIATE  
15 DENSITY IN THAT AREA AND R.P.D. ZONING BE ALLOWED TO CONVERT  
16 USES TO C.P.D. IF THE DENSITY IS WITHIN THE E.O.A. REMAIN THE  
17 SAME. DELETE THE POLICY PROCESS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 8  
18 IMPLEMENTATION CALLING FOR REVIEW OF THE S.E.A. IN THE  
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY EVERY TWO YEARS. ADD A DEFINITION FOR LEGAL  
20 LOT WITHIN THE PLAN AND INCLUDE ANY LOT BROUGHT INTO  
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION MAP. AFTER THE PLAN EFFECTIVE  
22 DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE ZONING REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT AT  
23 THE TIME OF LOT CREATION. FIND A LEGAL LOT AS INCLUDING ANY  
24 LOT THAT WOULD OTHERWISE CURRENTLY QUALIFY FOR CONDITIONAL  
25 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WHEREIN THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED

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1    THEREIN SHALL NOT INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
2    THE NEW LAND USE AND OR ZONING DESIGNATIONS IMPOSED BY THE  
3    AREA PLAN. DELETE THE DEFINITION OF MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT  
4    REFERENCE ON PAGE 18. CHANGE THE LAND USE POLICY 51 TO STATE  
5    "ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SUSTAINABLE  
6    COMMUNITY STRATEGY ADOPTED IN 2012, AN ELEMENT. OF THE  
7    REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE SOUTHERN  
8    CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS. ". CHANGE LAND USE  
9    POLICY 22 TO STATE "LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
10    IN S.E.A. INCLUDING WATER FEATURES, RIDGE LINES AND HILLSIDE  
11    MANAGEMENT AREAS THROUGH APPROPRIATE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AS  
12    INDICATED ON THE LAND USE POLICY MAP OF THE AREA PLAN." MODIFY  
13    A.V.A.P. POLICIES AND MAP TO DELETE CONFLICTING LANGUAGE THAT  
14    RESTRICTS GROWTH IN E.O.A.S. THE PROSPECT AREA PLAN, PROPOSED  
15    AREA PLAN SHOULD BE CLARIFIED TO EXCLUDE E.O.A.S. THE ABILITY  
16    OF OTHER POLICIES LIMITING DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING POLICIES  
17    L.U.2.2 AND C.O.S.5.2 POLICY 26, L.U.31, L.U.33 AND L.U.3.4,  
18    C.O.S.4.5, C.O.S.19.1, AND REMOVE THE RURAL PRESERVE AREA MAP  
19    DESIGNATION FOR E.O.A.S. CHANGE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND  
20    ZONING TO EXISTING C3 PORTIONS OF A.P.N. 3083001005 AND A.P.N.  
21    3036024903 FROM R.L.10 AND A.22 TO C.R. AND .C.RU.. CHANGE THE  
22    LAND USE DESIGNATION AND ZONING OF OF A.P.N. 3054020011 FROM  
23    R.L.1 AND A.11 TO I.L. AND M.1 D.P. PROHIBIT GROUND-MOUNTED  
24    UTILITY- SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN ALL S.E.A. AND  
25    E.O.A. DESIGNATED AREAS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I REPEAT THAT

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1 AGAIN BECAUSE THAT WAS RAISED. PROHIBIT GROUND-MOUNTED  
2 UTILITY- SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICIES IN ALL S.E.A. AND  
3 E.O.A. DESIGNATED AREAS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN. EXEMPT FROM  
4 THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND THEIR  
5 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND ANIMAL KEEPING AREAS AND FACILITIES  
6 LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN.  
7 EXEMPT FROM S.E.A. ORDINANCE ALL PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED FARMLAND  
8 LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA  
9 PLAN. EXEMPT MINOR SUBDIVISIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES  
10 OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN. AND REBUILDING AND REPLACEMENT OF  
11 STRUCTURES DESTROYED IN A CATASTROPHIC EVENT. DIRECT REGIONAL  
12 PLANNING TO INCORPORATED THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AS  
13 MODIFIED AND ADOPT IT INTO THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN  
14 CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED. DIRECT REGIONAL PLANNING TO MEET AND  
15 WORK WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY-BASED FARMERS AND L.A. COUNTY FARM  
16 BUREAU MEMBERS TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND DEFINE AGRICULTURAL  
17 RESOURCE AREAS AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE  
18 FINAL DOCUMENTS AND ORDINANCE FOR THE AREA PLAN UPDATE AND  
19 BRING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. THAT'S THE MOTION,  
20 MR. CHAIRMAN.

21  
22 **MARK SALADINO:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD MAKE ONE CLARIFICATION,  
23 COUNTY COUNSEL HERE. FOR ITEM 2 AS IT RELATES TO THE E.I.R. I  
24 WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD CERTIFY THE E.I.R. TODAY  
25 AT THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY WITH THAT ADDITION. SO MOVED, MR.  
3 CHAIRMAN.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?  
6 [LAUGHTER.] I HAD TO SAY THAT. I THINK IT WAS DASH 026 AND NOT  
7 027 BUT WE'LL GET THAT WHEN IT COMES UP AND CATCH UP WITH IT.  
8 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND THAT. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR  
9 DISCUSSIONS? ANY OBJECTIONS? SO BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. THANK  
10 YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN.

11  
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FROM THE VALLEY FOR COMING DOWN. IT  
13 WAS AN EXTENDED MEETING BUT WE HOPE YOU APPRECIATED WHAT WE  
14 WERE DOING TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE YOU WANTED TO TAKE UP ITEM 37?

17  
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES 37 AND I KNOW MAYOR BOGAARD WAS HERE.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S STILL HERE.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD. BILL, COME ON UP. COULD WE HAVE THE  
23 DEPARTMENT MAKE A RESPONSE FIRST? DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR  
24 REPORT, THEN WE'LL ASK THE MAYOR FOR HIS COMMENTS THEN I'LL  
25 CALL UP OTHER PEOPLE.



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1  
2 **GARY HILDEBRAND:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. CHAIR KNABE,  
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME'S GARY HILDEBRAND. I'M WITH L.A.  
4 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON IS CHRIS STONE AND  
5 KEITH LILLY. THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
6 ABLE TO COME BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON AND PRESENT THE  
7 RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE DEVIL'S GATE SEDIMENT  
8 MANAGEMENT REMOVAL PROJECT. WE'D LIKE TO DO IS GO AHEAD AND  
9 GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES. SO  
10 WITH THAT, KEITH LILLY IS GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GIVE YOU THAT  
11 OVERVIEW.

12  
13 **KEITH LILLY:** THANK YOU, AS YOU'RE AWARE, THE STATION FIRE  
14 BURNED LARGE AREAS ABOVE OUR DAMS THAT PROVIDE FLOOD  
15 PROTECTION AND WATER SUPPLY TO DOWNSTREAM CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.  
16 IN THE TWO YEARS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STATION FIRE, OVER 1.3  
17 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT ENTERED DEVIL'S GATE  
18 RESERVOIR. THIS PHOTO SHOWS THE RESERVOIR IN THAT CONDITION.  
19 SINCE THEN, BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS, WE HAVE VERY  
20 LITTLE ADDITIONAL SEDIMENT INTO THE RESERVOIR, HOWEVER THERE  
21 IS STILL AN URGENT NEED TO REMOVE SEDIMENT AND RESTORE FLOOD  
22 PROTECTION. IN FACT IF WE RECEIVE A DESIGN LEVEL STORM OR A  
23 ONCE IN 50 YEAR STORM THIS WEEK, THE SEDIMENT WOULD COMPLETELY  
24 FILL THE RESERVOIR AND THREATEN FLOODING ON DOWNSTREAM  
25 COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ARROYO SECO, IN PASADENA, SOUTH PASADENA

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1 AND LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE 110 FREEWAY. I WANT TO SHOW YOU  
2 WHERE WE'RE PROPOSING TO REMOVE SEDIMENT FROM THE RESERVOIR.  
3 DEVIL'S GATE DAM IS LOCATED NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN, AND  
4 THIS RED BOUNDARY OUTLINES OUR FLOOD CONTROL EASEMENT. IT'S  
5 APPROXIMATELY 258 ACRES. WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED 120 ACRES AS A  
6 PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE DRAFT E.I.R. THIS LEFT AREA IS FOR  
7 FACILITIES SUCH AS THE SPREADING GROUNDS OR WATER CONSERVATION  
8 FACILITIES OF THE CITY. AND PARK AREAS AND RECREATIONAL  
9 ACTIVITIES UNTOUCHED. THROUGH COMMENT DURING THE SCOPING  
10 PROCESS AND ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INPUT, WE EVALUATED SEVERAL  
11 ALTERNATIVES AND ULTIMATELY DECIDED ON ALTERNATIVE 3,  
12 CONFIGURATION D, OPTIONS 2. THIS IS THE RESERVOIR FOOTPRINT  
13 SHOWN IN THE PURPLE COLOR ON YOUR SCREEN. THIS IS  
14 APPROXIMATELY 71 ACRES AND LEAVES LARGE AREAS OF THE RESERVOIR  
15 UNTOUCHED. WHILE THAT AREA WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IMPACTED FOR  
16 REMOVING THE SEDIMENT, THE ULTIMATE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
17 RESERVOIR WILL BE RESTRICTED TO APPROXIMATELY 52 ACRES AS  
18 SHOWN IN THE GREEN AREA. SO THE ULTIMATE MANAGEMENT FOR FLOOD  
19 CONTROL AND SEDIMENT IN THIS AREA IS 52 ACRES, OR  
20 APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF OUR FLOOD CONTROL EASEMENT. WHILE  
21 THIS RECOMMENDED FOOTPRINT IS MUCH SMALLER THAN THE ORIGINAL  
22 PROJECT, REMOVES LESS SEDIMENT, THERE'S STILL A LARGE NUMBER  
23 OF TRUCKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE THE SEDIMENT. THAT CONCERNS  
24 BY COMMUNITY ABOUT TRAFFIC AND AIR QUALITY. THE E.I.R.  
25 IDENTIFIES ONLY ONE INTERSECTION IN THE AREA AT A CERTAIN TIME

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1 OF DAY THAT REACHED A THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE. HOWEVER,  
2 COMMUNITIES STILL HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON THOSE  
3 INTERSECTIONS ESPECIALLY NEAR THE SCHOOLS AND THE DROP-OFF  
4 TIMES FOR THOSE STUDENTS. WE WORKED WITH CITY TRAFFIC  
5 ENGINEERS FROM LA CANADA- FLINTRIDGE AND PASADENA AND  
6 IDENTIFIED SOME ADDITIONAL HAUL ROUTES. THESE HAUL ROUTES ARE  
7 IDENTIFIED IN ALTERNATIVE 5 AND THEY PROVIDE SOME FLEXIBILITY  
8 THAT ALLOWS TO AVOID THE DROP-OFF TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL  
9 STUDENTS SO NO TRUCKS WILL BE GOING IN THOSE AREAS AND ALSO  
10 FLEXIBILITY FOR WHEN TRAFFIC COMES FROM WHICH DIRECTION SO  
11 THAT THE IMPACTS COULD BE BALANCED BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
12 PASADENA AND LA CANADA- FLINTRIDGE. WE ALSO LOOKED AT THE AIR  
13 QUALITY IMPACTS, THE MODELS SHOWED THAT IF WE USE LOW EMISSION  
14 TRUCKS, THOSE TRUCKS THAT MET E.P.A. 2007 STANDARDS, THE  
15 IMPACTS WILL BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, THE TIME OF  
16 THE DRAFT E.I.R., WE COULD NOT COMMIT TO HAVING THOSE TRUCKS  
17 AVAILABLE. WE HAVE SINCE GONE OUT TO THE TRUCK BROKERS AND  
18 CONSULTANTS AND THEY DETERMINED THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND WE  
19 MADE THAT A REQUIREMENT WHICH NOW LOWERS THAT IMPACT TO LESS  
20 THAN SIGNIFICANT. SO BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT AND THE FINDINGS  
21 OF THE E.I.R. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE 3  
22 CONFIGURATION D. OPTION 2 FOOTPRINT WITH THE ALTERNATIVE 5  
23 HAUL ROUTES TO REDUCE IMPACTS. AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
24 ENDED FOR THE DRAFT E.I.R., WE CONTINUED TO ENGAGE WITH  
25 STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING THE CITY OF PASADENA AND A WORKING

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1 GROUP THEY DEVELOPED. THIS CHART SHOWS A COMPARISON OF OUR  
2 PROPOSED PROJECT, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED PROJECT. THE CITY'S  
3 WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
4 WE'RE MAKING FOR THE RECOMMENDED PROJECT. THIS ALSO INCLUDES  
5 ITEMS THAT WE RECOMMEND TO IMPLEMENT AS PART OF THE PROJECT  
6 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THAT FURTHER REDUCE IMPACTS BEYOND  
7 THOSE IDENTIFIED IN THE E.I.R. WHILE MOST OF THE IMPACTS THE  
8 CITY RECOMMENDED WERE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT, ONE ITEM THERE'S  
9 STILL DISAGREEMENT AND THAT'S THE SIZE OF THE PROJECT. THE  
10 CITY'S WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED REMOVING LESS SEDIMENT OVER  
11 THE FIVE-YEAR COURSE OF THE PROJECT AND EVEN CAME IN DURING  
12 THOSE TWO YEARS AFTER THE STATION FIRE. AND BECAUSE OF THAT,  
13 WE COULDN'T RECOMMEND ACCEPTING THAT LEVEL OF RISK TO THE  
14 DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES. TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T RECOMMEND  
15 LOWERING OUR STANDARDS, HERE'S A SEDIMENT HISTORY THAT SHOWS  
16 SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHERE LARGE VOLUME OF SEDIMENT ENTERED THE  
17 RESERVOIR. BETWEEN '34 AND '43, A NINE-YEAR PERIOD, 4.7  
18 MILLION CUBIC YARDS CAME INTO THE RESERVOIR. FROM '66 TO '69  
19 TWO MILLION YARDS CAME IN. 1.1 MILLION WAS DURING ONE STORM  
20 AND THERE WAS NO FIRE IN THE WATERSHED AT THAT TIME. AND ALSO  
21 WE MENTIONED THE 1.3 THAT CAME IN IN THE TWO YEARS AFTER THE  
22 STATION FIRE. TO PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE, TODAY FOUR YEARS  
23 AFTER THE FIRE, IT IS ANALOGOUS TO 1934 TO '43 PERIOD WHERE 1  
24 MILLION YARDS CAME IN AND IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, 3.7 MILLION  
25 CAME IN. SO IF WE HAD THAT VOLUME TODAY AND IMPLEMENTED THE

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO  
2 KEEP UP WITH THE LEVEL OF SEDIMENT. THIS GRAPH IS ANOTHER WAY  
3 OF PRESENTING THAT INFORMATION. BASICALLY THE BLUE LINE  
4 REPRESENTS THE SEDIMENT THAT'S COME INTO THE RESERVOIR OVER  
5 TIME AND THE PINK AREA REFLECTS OUR CAPACITY FOR SEDIMENT THAT  
6 MEETS OUR STANDARDS. WE REQUIRE 4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF  
7 SEDIMENT. SORRY. 4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF CAPACITY BELOW OUR  
8 SPILLWAY. AND THAT PINK AREA REPRESENTS THAT CAPACITY. YOU SEE  
9 MANY TIMES THE SEDIMENT LEVEL HAS REACHED THAT CAPACITY AND  
10 WE'VE SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED IT TO GO BELOW THAT PINK AREA OR  
11 THAT AREA OF RISK AND WE'VE DONE THAT PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT  
12 THE HISTORY OF THE RESERVOIR. IN FACT, WE'VE REMOVED 8 MILLION  
13 CUBIC YARDS OUT OF 10.7 THAT HAVE COME IN. WITH THE PROPOSED  
14 PROJECT, WE WOULD AGAIN LOWER THAT BLUE LINE OUT OF THE PINK  
15 AREA AND OUT OF THE LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK SO THAT WE'D STILL  
16 HAVE 4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF CAPACITY. WHEN THE PROJECT'S  
17 COMPLETE, THIS IS WHAT YOU'D HAVE. A RESERVOIR CONFIGURATION  
18 THAT VERY CLOSELY MATCHES THE CITY'S WATERSHED PARK MASTER  
19 PLAN AND PROVIDES AMPLE AREAS FOR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT ON THE  
20 AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE RESERVOIR. AND THOSE AREAS WITHIN THAT 52  
21 ACRES WE WOULD MANAGE THE SEDIMENT BY ALLOWING IT TO MOVE  
22 THROUGH THE RESERVOIR DURING STORM EVENTS AND THAT WHICH  
23 ACCUMULATES DURING THE YEAR WE WOULD REMOVE ANNUALLY TO  
24 PREVENT THE BUILDUP AND PREVENT THE NEED TO HAVE A MAJOR  
25 SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO  
3 REMOVE 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS FROM BEHIND THE DAM?

4  
5 **CHRIS STONE:** THE 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS WOULD BASICALLY HELP  
6 US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF HAVING TO DESIGN DEBRIS EVENT STORAGE  
7 IN THE RESERVOIR ITSELF.

8  
9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THERE A CERTAIN FORMULA THAT YOU WERE  
10 USING?

11  
12 **CHRIS STONE:** YES, THERE IS A FORMULA THAT WE CALCULATE THAT  
13 BY. IT'S BASICALLY A 50-YEAR STORM OR A STORM THAT HAS A  
14 FREQUENCY OF BEING ABLE TO DEVELOP A 2 PERCENT CHANCE OF  
15 HAPPENING ANY PARTICULAR YEAR. AND ON TOP OF THAT, IT'S AFTER  
16 THE WATERSHED HAS BURNED AND HAD FOUR YEARS OF RECOVERY. SO WE  
17 GENERATE THAT VOLUME BASED UPON THOSE CONDITIONS.

18  
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE PROBLEMS WITH ONLY  
20 REMOVING THAT AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT THAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE  
21 PASADENA WORKING GROUP?

22  
23 **CHRIS STONE:** THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE WOULD NOT ATTAIN THE  
24 DEBRIS STORAGE CAPACITY THAT WE BELIEVE IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE  
25 THAT THE RISK TO DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES AND FLOOD CONTROL

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1 FACILITIES IS MAINTAINED. THE OTHER ISSUE IS THAT IF YOU LOOK  
2 AT THE SEDIMENT INFLOW HISTORY THAT KEITH JUST WENT THROUGH,  
3 WE HAVE LARGE SEDIMENT INFLOWS WITH NO BURNS TO THE WATERSHED.  
4 SO IT'S REALLY IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE THAT TYPE OF CAPACITY  
5 AVAILABLE SO THAT BEEN YOU HAVE THOSE LARGE DEBRIS INFLOWS,  
6 YOU HAVE TIME TO CLEAN IT OUT AND STILL ENSURE THAT FLOOD  
7 PROTECTION IS BEING PROVIDED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN WORK?

10

11 **CHRIS STONE:** THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN IS SOMETHING NEW THAT  
12 WE'RE INITIATING WITH THIS PROJECT AND IT'S BEING RECOMMENDED  
13 TO THIS BOARD THAT WE ESTABLISH THIS 52-ACRE MAINTENANCE AREA.  
14 THE PURPOSE OF THAT MAINTENANCE AREA WOULD BE TO GO INTO THOSE  
15 AREAS, INTO THAT AREA ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND REMOVE SEDIMENT  
16 AS ACCUMULATED. THAT WAY WE HOPE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE  
17 NECESSITY OF COMING BACK WITH LARGE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECTS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE YOU ACCOMMODATING THE SCHOOLS,  
20 THE PROPERTY NEIGHBORS ADJACENT TO THE DAM?

21

22 **CHRIS STONE:** YEAH, WITH THE SCHOOLS, THE TWO PRIMARY CONCERNS  
23 WE HEARD FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS AIR QUALITY AND THE  
24 TRUCK TRAFFIC. WE DEALT WITH THOSE TWO BOTH EFFECTIVELY, I  
25 BELIEVE, IN FINDING THAT THE 2007 OR NEWER TRUCKS WOULD REDUCE



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1 THE POLLUTION THAT WAS GENERATED BY TRUCKS TO A LEVEL OF  
2 NONSIGNIFICANCE. AND THE OTHER ISSUE WE ADDRESSED WITH THE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS COMING UP WITH TRUCKING ROUTES THAT STAYED  
4 AWAY FROM THE SCHOOLS DURING THOSE MORNING DROP-OFF HOURS AND  
5 ENDING THE WORKDAY ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS IF PEOPLE WOULD BE  
6 PICKING UP THEIR STUDENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYOR BOGAARD WELCOME.

9

10 **BILL BOGAARD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. SHOULD I PROCEED? MR.  
11 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M BILL BOGAARD THE MAYOR  
12 OF PASADENA. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF  
13 THE CITY OF THE PASADENA REGARDING THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL  
14 PROJECT. I INTEND TO BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE IN THE INTEREST  
15 OF TIME FOR ALL INVOLVED. MAY I BEGIN BY OFFERING TO  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MY  
17 CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC  
18 SERVICE AND YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THEY TRULY SHAPED LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY AS IT EXISTS TODAY. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE CITY  
20 OF PASADENA SUPPORTS THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT IN CONCEPT  
21 AND WE APPRECIATE THE OPEN COMMUNICATION THAT THE COUNTY HAS  
22 MAINTAINED IN REGARD TO PASADENA'S QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. I  
23 WANT PARTICULARLY TO CALL OUT MARK PESTRELLA, CHRIS STONE,  
24 KEITH LILLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CATHERINE  
25 BARTER LIEBREICH AND EIDEL MISKARA OF THE SUPERVISOR

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1 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE. HAVING STATED THAT, I ASK THAT THE RECORD  
2 BE CLEAR THAT PASADENA HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT CERTAIN  
3 PROVISIONS OF THIS PROJECT. SPECIFICALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE  
4 VOLUME OF SEDIMENT TO BE REMOVED IN THE PROJECT AND THE VOLUME  
5 PERMITTED TO BE REMOVED IN ANY GIVEN YEAR ARE BOTH EXCESSIVE.  
6 WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CARS PER DAY TO  
7 REDUCE THE IMPACT ON THE REGION SHOULD REDUCE FROM 400 TO 300.  
8 I'VE REVIEWED SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION ON THIS MATTER  
9 AND HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF THE PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED  
10 TO REDUCE COMMUNITY IMPACTS. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR  
11 THE RESPONSIVENESS TO PASADENA'S CONCERNS. I DO NOTE IN  
12 PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE MOTION WHICH CALLS FOR THE  
13 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE COLLABORATION ON PROJECT  
14 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION WITH ALTADENA, LA CANADA AND  
15 PASADENA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF NEXT  
16 YEAR, WHEN THIS MATTER IS BEING CONTRACTED FOR ACTUAL WORK TO  
17 BE DONE, CONSIDERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN TO THIS  
18 CITY'S ONGOING CONCERNS. PASADENA THANKS FOR ALL OF THE  
19 COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND LOOKS FORWARD TO  
20 CONTINUING OUR COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION AS THE PROJECT  
21 PROCEEDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU MAYOR BOGAARD AND I WANT TO THANK  
24 YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION NOT ONLY ON THIS ISSUE ALONE BUT ALL

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1 THE OTHER ISSUES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT  
2 AND YOUR CITY AND YOUR CITY MANAGER.

3

4 **BILL BOGAARD:** WE APPRECIATE THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE SUPPORT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP MR. SHACKELFORD,  
7 TIM MARTINEZ. MITCHELL TSAI, AND RHOADS STEPHENSON. BECAUSE OF  
8 THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE, LIMITED TO ONE MINUTE  
9 EACH.

10

11 **TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
12 TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WINDSOR WARRIORS  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE ARE MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY 300  
14 HOMES, 300 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE EAST OF DEVIL'S GATES DAM. WE  
15 HAVE BEEN ACTIVE FOR OVER 30 YEARS TO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY OUR  
16 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE ROLE IN LAND USE ISSUES AND  
17 VOLUNTEERING OUR TIME TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. THE  
18 QUALITY OF LIFE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US WHICH WE HAVE  
19 STRONGLY FOUGHT FOR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SEDIMENT BEHIND  
20 THE DEVIL GATES DAM HAS TO BE REMOVED TO IMPROVE ITS FLOOD  
21 PROTECTION CAPABILITY. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO PROMOTE  
22 PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCE FLOOD RISK FOR THE SURROUNDING  
23 COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT LIKE THE FACT THAT THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE  
24 YEARS OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WILL BE SUBJECT UP TO 400 TRUCKS PER  
25 DAY RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC, NOISE AND POLLUTION

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1 NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHRIS  
2 STONE AND KEITH LILLY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THEIR  
3 STAFF WHO REACHED OUT TO US, LISTENED TO OUR CONCERNS AND  
4 DEVELOPED ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS RECOMMENDING ALTERNATE 5, THE  
5 MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRUCK ROUTE WHICH WE SUPPORT.  
6 NUMBER 2, RECOMMENDING PHASING THE HAULING ROUTE TO REDUCE  
7 TRAFFIC IMPACT AND BALANCE TRUCK TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CITIES OF  
8 LA CANADA AND PASADENA. DURING THE SUMMER MONTH, TRAFFIC WOULD  
9 ENTER AND EXIT USING BERKSHIRE AVENUE WHICH WILL PROVIDE  
10 RELIEF TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. NUMBER 3,  
11 RECOMMEND THE SOUNDWALL ALONG OAK ROAD DRIVE TO REDUCE NOISE  
12 IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HOPE THE REMOVAL OF SEDIMENT CAN BE  
13 DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN RETURN TO PEACE AND  
14 ENJOY OUR HOMES. OKAY. WE' LIKE TO THANK THE FIFTH DISTRICT  
15 FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HELP. THANK YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SHACK. ALSO CALL UP  
18 HENRENE NUNLEY. DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE.

19  
20 **TIM MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIM  
21 MARTINEZ, I CAME FROM PASADENA TO PLEASE URGE YOU NOT TO  
22 CERTIFIED THE DEVIL'S GATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL FINAL E.I.R. AND  
23 THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS PREFERRED PROJECT UNTIL A LESS  
24 DAMAGING PROGRAM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. AND IN TRUTH THAT PROGRAM  
25 HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. IT IS THE PASADENA WORKING GROUP'S

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT HAHAMONGA. IT'S  
2 ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE HABITATS NOT ONLY IN PASADENA BUT ALL  
3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS A TREMENDOUS COMMUNITY RESOURCE.  
4 AND I THINK THAT UPON REVIEW OF THE SEDIMENT WORKING GROUP AND  
5 THE PASADENA'S PLAN, YOU WILL FIND IT QUITE COMPELLING AND  
6 THAT THEY PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR PROTECTING THE  
7 WHAT HAHAMONGA PARK BEHIND DEVIL'S GATE DAM AND ALSO FOR  
8 KEEPING ALL OF THE DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES SAFE. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL OUT NINA CHOMSKI.  
12 YES, SIR?

13

14 **MITCHELL TSAI:** CHAIRMAN KNABE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU  
15 FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY  
16 NAME IS MITCHELL TSAI, I'M AN ATTORNEY HERE ON BEHALF OF THE  
17 ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION. ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION URGES THE BOARD  
18 OF SUPERVISORS TO REJECT THIS PROJECT AND ORDER THE L.A. FLOOD  
19 CONTROL DISTRICT TO GO BACK AND CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES.  
20 THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT THAT WAS PREPARED FOR  
21 THIS PROJECT IS FLAWED. FOR EXAMPLE C.E.Q.A. REQUIRES THAT A  
22 PROJECT ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE. HOWEVER  
23 THIS PROJECT WHICH IS A TWO PHASED PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES  
24 FIRST A LARGE-SCALE SEDIMENT REMOVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 2.4  
25 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS FOLLOWED BY THE CREATION OF PERMANENT

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1 54-ACRE MAINTENANCE AREA. THAT MAINTENANCE AREA, THE  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THAT PARTICULAR, IN THAT  
3 E.I.R. ESTABLISHES TWO DIFFERENT BASELINE. FIRST EXISTING  
4 CONDITIONS AS OF 2013 AND SECOND BASELINE FOR AFTER 2020. THIS  
5 IS IMPROPER FUTURE BASELINE UNDER C.E.Q.A. I URGE THE FLOOD  
6 CONTROL DISTRICT TO REVISE AND RECIRCULATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
7 DOCUMENT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TIMOTHY BRICK.  
10 YES, SIR?

11

12 **RHOADS STEPHENSON:** OKAY. I'M RHOADS STEPHENSON, LIVE IN LA  
13 CANADA AND I'M A FREQUENT HIKER IN HAHAMONGA PARK BEHIND THE  
14 DAM. I HAVE A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS IF YOU DECIDE TO GO AHEAD  
15 AND APPROVE THE PROJECT TODAY. MAYBE, MICHAEL, YOU WILL CALL  
16 THESE AMENDMENTS. I THINK YOU COULD SAFELY REDUCE THE AMOUNT  
17 OF SEDIMENT REMOVED FROM 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS TO ABOUT 1.5.  
18 THIS WOULD REESTABLISH THE CAPACITY THAT YOU HAD BEFORE THE  
19 STATION FIRE AND THE BIG FLOOD AFTER THAT AND PLUS A LITTLE  
20 BIT MORE. SO THAT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THE FUTURE. AND I  
21 THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE RATE AT WHICH YOU'RE REMOVING  
22 SEDIMENT FROM BEHIND THE DAM FROM 800 CUBIC YARDS TO 200,000  
23 CUBIC YARDS PER YEAR. THIS WILL REDUCE THE DAILY TRUCK TRAFFIC  
24 AND ALLOW THE HOURS OF PEAK OPERATIONS TO BE REDUCED. I WOULD

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1 LIKE TO PUT MY STATEMENT IN THE RECORD IF THAT WOULD BE OKAY  
2 WITH YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LISA  
5 YAMASHITA LOPEZ.

6

7 **HENREEN NUNLEY:** HENREEN NUNLEY, MEMBER OF ARROYO WINDSOR  
8 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. I PARTICIPATED WITH THE WORKING GROUP  
9 FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA AND I'M ALSO A HOMEOWNER. PICTURE IF  
10 YOU WILL THE ROSE BOWL PARADE. I CALL IT THE ROSE BOWL PARADE.  
11 BUT THE ROSE PARADE. NEW YEAR'S DAY. THE FLOATS TRAVELING DOWN  
12 COLORADO BOULEVARD. PICTURE AGAIN TRUCKS BESIDE THOSE FLOATS  
13 TRAVELING COLORADO BOULEVARD. 400 TRUCKS A DAY IN OUR  
14 NEIGHBORHOOD. PICTURE THAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KELLY  
17 GARDENER? KELLY GARDENER? YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **NINA CHOMSKI:** MY NAME IS NINA CHOMSKI AND I REPRESENTED  
20 FRIENDS OF HAAMONGA ON THE PASADENA SEDIMENT WORKING GROUP.  
21 I'M ALSO HERE REPRESENTING THE LINDA VISTA ANNANDALE  
22 ASSOCIATION, I AM ITS PRESIDENT. WE REPRESENT ALL OF THE  
23 NEIGHBORS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CENTRAL ARROYO. F.O.H. AND  
24 LINDA VISTA ANNANDALE ASSOCIATION URGE YOU TO DECLINE TO  
25 CERTIFY THE FINAL E.I.R. AND TO INSTEAD SUBSTITUTE OUR WORKING



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1 GROUP SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION WHICH IS THE ENVIRONMENTALLY  
2 SUPERIOR RECOMMENDATION BY ANY MEASUREMENT. THE PASADENA  
3 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IS A FEASIBLE, HISTORICALLY AND  
4 SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED COMMON SENSE APPROACH THAT ACCOMPLISHES  
5 THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES WHILE REDUCING IMPACTS TO PASADENA  
6 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT SURROUND THE CENTRAL ARROYO AND THE DAM.  
7 THESE ARE ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS. AND ALSO INCLUDING LINDA  
8 VISTA. AND WHAT IS THE MAJOR ISSUE THAT WE'RE CONCERNED WITH?  
9 AIR QUALITY. AND IT ISN'T JUST DIESEL. IT'S DIESEL ON A  
10 CUMULATIVE BASIS. BUT THE REAL PROBLEM IS THE FINE PARTICULAR  
11 SEDIMENT MATTER THAT WILL BE DUG UP AND THROWN INTO THE AIR  
12 AND PUT IN 400 TRUCKS. EARLIER THIS MORNING YOU WERE CONCERNED  
13 ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC  
14 HEALTH NOW WITH THIS SITUATION. THE WORKING GROUP BALANCED  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE THAT MET THE  
16 PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES. AND THAT'S WHAT WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER  
17 AND NOT SUBJECT PEOPLE TO TREMENDOUS LUNG AND BREATHING  
18 IMPACTS THAT YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND  
19 YEARS.

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DORIS DAVIS  
22 AND BOB FAN. YES, SIR.

23  
24 **TIM BRICK:** I'M TIM BRICK THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ARROYO  
25 SECO FOUNDATION. AFTER 25 YEARS OF WORKING WITH THE COUNTY IN

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1 ORDER TO MANAGE THE HAHAMONGA AND THE ARROYO SECO, I HAVE TO  
2 SAY I'M PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS  
3 NOTHING BUT A MINING AND TRUCKING OPERATION. THIS IS NOT AN  
4 INTEGRATED WATER PROJECT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. THE ARROYO  
5 SECO IS A RIVER. IT'S A TRIBUTARY OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER.  
6 AND WE'RE WORKING HARD TO RESTORE 10 MILES OF THE ARROYO SECO  
7 FROM DEVIL'S GATE DAM ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE LOS ANGELES  
8 RIVER. THIS PLAN DOES NOTHING OF THAT. IT SIMPLY TRUCKS  
9 SEDIMENT, LARGE AMOUNTS OF SEDIMENT, 2.4 MILLION, 150,000  
10 TRUCK LOADS, 425 TRUCKS A DAY SIMPLY MOVES IT 20 MILES OVER TO  
11 IRWINDALE OR OUT TO SUN VALLEY. IT'S NOT AN INTEGRATED PLAN. I  
12 URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. ADOPT THE  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF PASADENA WHICH WOULD ACHIEVE  
14 THE FLOOD PROTECTION GOALS AND DO IT IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY. AND  
15 TO BEGIN TREATING THE ARROYO SECO NOT AS A WASTE ZONE, NOT AS  
16 A MAINTENANCE YARD FOR COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUT AS A RIVER.  
17 THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAN DRUGAN AND  
20 GENETTE FOSTER.

21  
22 **KELLY GARDNER:** MY NAME IS KELLY GARDNER AND I WANT TO THANK  
23 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. I REPRESENT THE RAYMOND  
24 BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD WHICH IS THE GROUND WATER BASIN THAT  
25 UNDERLIES THIS AREA. I WANTED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED A

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1 LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVIL'S GATE PROJECT AS THE COUNTY  
2 HAS PROPOSED. DURING THIS TIME OF DROUGHT, IT'S INCREASINGLY  
3 IMPORTANT THAT WE MANAGE OUR WATER RESOURCES IN SUCH A WAY  
4 THAT WE PROTECT NOT ONLY THE GROUND WATER BASIN BUT DOWNSTREAM  
5 PROPERTIES FROM FLOODS. THROUGH THE EXTENSIVE E.I.R. PROCESS  
6 THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WE THINK THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE WILL  
7 BE SUITABLE TO MEET THOSE AND WILL BE THE GREATEST RESULT IN  
8 CAPTURING STORM WATER AND GROUND WATER RECHARGE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DON BREMMER,  
11 SUSAN BERNIKI, AND DAVID SZYMANSKI. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **DORIS DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DORIS  
14 DAVIS I AM A TAXPAYER AND ACTIVE VOTER, VOTING IN ALL  
15 ELECTIONS. I PURCHASED PROPERTY IN APRIL OF 2013 THAT IS RIGHT  
16 ABOVE THIS EYE OF THE STORM. I AM DIRECTLY ABOVE JOHNSON'S  
17 FIELD THAT IS GOING TO BE CLEARED OUT. I'M AT 998 LEEHIGH  
18 STREET. I PURCHASED MY PROPERTY BASED ON MANY DIFFERENT IDEAS.  
19 THE FACT THAT IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL. THE REASON THAT IT WAS NEXT  
20 TO THIS BEAUTIFUL PARK THAT I WAS ABLE TO WALK EVERY DAY WITH  
21 MY DOGS AND ENJOY WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN WHO LIVE NEARBY, TWO  
22 BLOCKS AWAY. THE BEAUTY WAS ENHANCED BY ALL OF THE ECOLOGICAL  
23 ENVIRONMENTAL AREA DOWN THERE IN THE HAHAMONGA PARK. IT'S VERY  
24 APPEALING FOR HIKING AND RUNNING. I KNOW THAT THE ALTADENA  
25 PROPERTY VALUES HAVE JUST BEEN RECOVERING, WHICH IS WHY I

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1 PURCHASED THERE, AS WELL. THEY ARE ON THE UPSWING. IN FACT TWO  
2 PROPERTIES JUST LISTED ON THE CORNER OF LAGUNA VISTA HAVE JUST  
3 SOLD FOR 1 MILLION OR MORE. BUT THIS ALTERNATIVE, THIS PROJECT  
4 THAT THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL IS PLANNING TO DO WOULD  
5 ABSOLUTELY NEGATIVELY IMPACT PROPERTY VALUES IN THIS AREA FOR  
6 MANY YEARS. HAVING 400 DIESEL TRUCKS A DAY FROM APRIL TO  
7 DECEMBER RUNNING THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, POLLUTING THE AIR,  
8 CONGESTING OUR STREETS AND FREEWAYS, TEARING UP OUR BEAUTIFUL  
9 HABITAT IN THE WATERSHED PARK AND ENDANGERING MY TWO ASTHMATIC  
10 GRANDCHILDREN AND ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS WILL GO ON  
11 FOR THREE TO FIVE YES, DECIMATING OUR PROPERTY VALUES. I'VE  
12 ATTENDED ALL OF THE MEETINGS ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND IT HAS  
13 BECOME CLEAR THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL COUNTY HAS BEEN DERELICT  
14 IN ITS DUTY TO PROPERLY CLEAN OUT HAHAMONGA FOR THE LAST 10  
15 YEARS AND NOW WITH \$100 MILLION BURNING A HOLE IN ITS POCKET  
16 WANTS TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS. NOW IT'S URGENT, AN IMMINENT  
17 DANGER. I ASK WHERE IS THE BALANCE? THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE  
18 UPSTREAM AND THE DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITY? OUR COMMUNITY OF  
19 ALTADENA IS GOING TO SUFFER FOR MANY YEARS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL,  
20 FINANCIAL, ECOLOGICAL AND HEALTH REPERCUSSIONS WILL GO ON FOR  
21 DECADES. AS A CITIZEN AND HOMEOWNER AND TAXPAYER, I SHOULD BE  
22 ABLE TO HAVE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF MY PRIVATE PROPERTY. I NEED  
23 YOU TO PROTECT THIS RIGHT AND CONSIDER THAT THE WISDOM OF YOUR  
24 VOTE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE LONG LASTING EFFECTS ON THE  
25 RESIDENTS OF ALTADENA, LA CANADA AND PASADENA. I URGE YOU TO

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1 PLEASE CONSIDER THE PASADENA PLAN INSTEAD WHICH TAKES A MORE  
2 THOUGHTFUL LIGHTER FOOTPRINT AND STILL ACHIEVES THE LONG TERM  
3 RESULTS OF FLOOD SAFETY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA KLIBANOW AND L.B.  
6 NYE. YES, SIR.

7

8 **DON BREMNER:** I'M DON, I LIVE IN PASADENA. I WAS A MEMBER FOR  
9 SIX YEARS OF PASADENA'S HAHAMONGA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY  
10 COMMITTEE. EARLIER I WAS A SIERRA CLUB MEMBER OF THE CITY'S  
11 WORKING GROUP FOR A BALANCED PLAN FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL OF  
12 DEVIL'S GATE DAM. WE WANT TO PREVENT DOWNSTREAM FLOODING WHILE  
13 MINIMIZING DAMAGE IN THE HAHAMONGA BASIN. WHAT IS THE  
14 REASONABLE BALANCE OF THESE TWO GOALS? I THINK THE COUNTY'S  
15 PLAN WOULD GO TOO FAR BY EXCAVATING 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS TO  
16 REACH A BASIN CAPACITY OF NEARLY 4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS. THE  
17 CURRENT CAPACITY OF THE BASIN IS ABOUT 1.4 MILLION CUBE YARDS.  
18 THAT'S MORE THAN THE 1.3 MILLION THAT FLOWED INTO THE BASIN IN  
19 THE TWO YEARS RIGHT AFTER THE STATION FIRE OF 2009 AND THOSE  
20 WERE RAINY YEARS TOTALING MORE THAN 50 INCHES OF RAIN. THE  
21 HILLSIDES ABOVE THE ARROYO SECO ARE LESS VULNERABLE TO EROSION  
22 NOW AS VEGETATION RECOVERS FROM THAT DISASTROUS FIRE. IF THE  
23 WATERSHED GETS HEAVY RAIN IN THE NEXT YEAR OR MORE, IT'S  
24 HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SEDIMENT FLOW WOULD BE MORE THAN THE 1.3  
25 MILLION IN THE TWO YEARS AFTER THE FIRE. THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY

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1 THE CITY'S WORKING GROUP AND EMBRACED BY THE PASADENA CITY  
2 COUNCIL WOULD REMOVE 220,000 CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT A YEAR  
3 UNTIL THE BASIN'S CAPACITY REACHES 2.5 MILLION. AND THEN  
4 MAINTAIN IT AT THAT LEVEL FOR THE FUTURE. IF HEAVY RAIN WASHES  
5 LARGE AMOUNTS OF SEDIMENT DOWN BEFORE THAT 2.5 MILLION TARGET  
6 IS REACHED, MORE SEDIMENT COULD BE EVACUATED. THIS CITY PLAN  
7 BALANCES SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. I ASK THE BOARD  
8 TO REJECT THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL AND ADOPT A PLAN CLOSER TO  
9 PASADENA'S. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HUGH  
12 BOWLS AND DOROTHY WONG. YES, SIR.

13

14 **DAVID CZAMANSKE:** I'M A RETIRED ATTORNEY AND I'M SPEAKING ON  
15 BEHALF OF ANGELES CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB. THE SIERRA CLUB HAS  
16 SUBMITTED A LETTER UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF DON AND MYSELF PRIOR  
17 TO THIS EVENT TODAY. WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS. I HAVE THREE  
18 MAIN POINTS I'D LIKE TO MAKE. FIRST OF ALL, I BELIEVE THIS  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS NOT LEGALLY ADEQUATE IN THAT  
20 IT DID NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A LESS DAMAGING, LESS  
21 ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING ALTERNATIVE AS IS REQUIRED BY THE  
22 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. SECONDLY, I HAVE A  
23 QUESTION THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK OF MR. STONE, AND THAT IS THE  
24 FOLLOWING. THIS ENTIRE E.I.R. IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT  
25 IT'S NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR TWO DESIGNED PREEVENTS

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1 HAPPENING. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE PROBABILITY OF THAT  
2 OCCURRING IS. NOW, MR. STONE HAS SPOKEN PREVIOUSLY AT OTHER  
3 EVENTS OF THE RISK THAT HE FEELS THE COUNTY WOULD ENGENDER BY  
4 ALLOWING LESS AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT TO BE REMOVED. I WOULD LIKE  
5 TO KNOW WHAT THE PROBABILITY IS THAT IF ONLY 1.7 MILLION CUBIC  
6 YARDS WERE REMOVED, WHAT THE PROBABILITY IS THAT THE RESERVOIR  
7 MIGHT BE OVERTOPPED AND WATER GO DOWN THE SPILLWAY. THIRDLY  
8 I'D LIKE TO OFFER SOME EXPLICIT LANGUAGE THAT YOU MIGHT ADD TO  
9 YOUR ACTION TODAY SHOULD YOU MISTAKENLY DECIDE TO APPROVE THE  
10 E.I.R. AND THAT REGARDS THE PROJECT ITSELF. THE PROPOSAL IS TO  
11 APPROVE PRECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. AND AT THE END OF YOUR  
12 AGENDA ITEM ON ITEM 37 I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER AND I'VE GOT IT  
13 IN WRITING HERE THE FOLLOWING. CONCERNING THE FACT THAT THE  
14 CITY OF PASADENA IS THE OWNER OF THE LAND UPON WHICH THE  
15 RESERVOIR IS LOCATED, I THINK YOU SHOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING  
16 LANGUAGE. QUOTE, "WITH SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS MAY BE  
17 SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA TO REDUCE  
18 THE AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT TO BE REMOVED DURING THE NEXT FIVE  
19 YEARS AND TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HAUL TRUCK  
20 TRIPS PER DAY THROUGHOUT AND BEYOND THIS FIVE-YEAR PERIOD."  
21 AND I'D LIKE TO PASS THIS ON TO YOUR STAFF. YOU CAN DUPLICATE  
22 THIS AND DIVIDE IT TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS IF YOU MAY.

23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE IT TO THE CORPORAL THERE.



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1    **DAVID CZAMANSKE:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP REBECCA SHIELDS MOOSE AND  
4    SIMON PENNY. YES, SIR YES, MA'AM.

5

6    **L.B. NYE:** HI, MY NAME IS L.B. NYE AND I'M A STAFF PERSON AT  
7    THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CONTROL BOARD. THE L.A. WATER BOARD  
8    IS THE STATE AGENCY THAT IMPLEMENTS THE STATE PARTS OF THE  
9    CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE. WHEN THE E.I.R.  
10   IS FINALIZED, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL NEED  
11   PERMITTING FROM THE L.A. WATER BOARD TO ACTIVATE THE PROJECT.  
12   SO MY BOARD ASKED ME TO BE HERE TODAY JUST TO EXPRESS TO YOU  
13   JUST GENERALLY THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT  
14   FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY AND THAT WE INTEND TO WORK  
15   VERY CLOSELY WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DURING THE PERMITTING  
16   PROCESS TO BE SURE THAT WE IDENTIFY WITH THEM ALL THE ACTIONS  
17   THAT THEY NEED TO TAKE IN THE FIELD FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
18   WATER QUALITY AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AS  
19   THEY CONTINUE MAINTENANCE IN DEVIL'S GATE AND WITH OTHER  
20   SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECTS. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

23

24   **DOROTHY WONG:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU, BOARD  
25   OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DOROTHY WONG. I'M A 31-YEAR L.A.

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1 COUNTY TAXPAYER COMING FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII BEFORE THAT  
2 AND I'M A 12-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I'M A RECREATOR AND AN  
3 ADVOCATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT. I'M ALSO AN AVID BICYCLIST. I'M  
4 NOW ON THE CALIFORNIA BICYCLE COALITION BOARD. SO I WOULD LIKE  
5 YOU TO NOT APPROVE THE CURRENT REMOVAL PLAN TO REMOVE THIS  
6 PRECIOUS ECOSYSTEM IN THE ARROYO SECO CALLED THE HAHAMONGA  
7 WATERSHED. I URGE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO PLEASE DEMAND A PLAN  
8 THAT IS NOT SO MASSIVELY DESTRUCTIVE TO THE HABITAT INCLUDING  
9 THE WILDLIFE IN THE ARROYO SECO. IT IS THEIR NATURE CORRIDOR.  
10 IT IS NOT JUST A BOTTOMLESS PIT. IT IS A GEM IN ARROYO SECO.  
11 IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A DRY DR. GULCH. BUT IT IS ALSO A THRIVING  
12 NATURAL ECOSYSTEM THAT INCLUDES SEVERAL NATIVE PLANT  
13 COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDES SHELTER, FOOD AND NESTING SITES FOR  
14 HUNDREDS OF WILDLIFE SPECIES. THIS IS RARE ECOSYSTEM NOT JUST  
15 A HOLE FOR DIGGING. SO I ALSO URGE YOU. IT IS ALSO ON THE  
16 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AMONG THE NATION'S TOP  
17 CULTURAL RESOURCES, THE HAHAMONGA WATERSHED IS PART OF THAT  
18 RESOURCE. AS A BICYCLIST, THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION NEEDS TO --  
19 IF THE PLAN GOES TRAFFIC CONGESTION FOR VULNERABLE USERS LIKE  
20 MYSELF AS A BICYCLIST, WOODBURY AVENUE, WINDSOR AND BERKSHIRE  
21 ARE ALL BICYCLING ROUTES, SO TRUCKS GOING THERE WOULD  
22 COMPROMISE WHAT IS ALREADY A THIN ROAD OR AN EPIDEMIC OF CAR.  
23 ALL OF THESE PLANS I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT VULNERABLE  
24 USERS. RECREATION USERS. WALK, PEOPLE TAKE THEIR KIDS WITH  
25 BIKES AND ANIMALS THROUGH THE THE HAHAMONGA WATERSHED AND ALSO

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1 THE BICYCLE ROUTES. I DEMAND AND I URGE YOU TO GO WITH AN  
2 EASIER PLAN. WORK SHOULD NOT BE DONE DURING RUSH HOURS IN THE  
3 MORNING OR THE EVENING PERIOD. SO A LESS INVASIVE PLAN. WE  
4 RECOGNIZE SEDIMENT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED. BUT A LESSER PLAN AND  
5 A CAREFUL PLAN THAT MAINTAINS THE INTEGRITY OF THE WATERSHED  
6 AND THE ECOSYSTEM IN THE WILDLIFE SHOULD BE DEMANDED AND A NEW  
7 WAY OF APPROACHING NOT JUST TRUCKS AND HAUL IT OUT BUT COME UP  
8 WITH A BETTER PLAN. THANK YOU.

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10 **REBECCA SHIELDS MOOSE:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS REBECCA SHIELDS  
11 MOOSE, I AM ALSO WITH THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION AND I AM HERE  
12 TO REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT CERTIFY THE FINAL E.I.R. PREPARED  
13 BY THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPOSED  
14 SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROGRAM. THE E.I.R. ANALYZES VARIATIONS ON A  
15 SINGLE MYOPIC PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT TOUCH UPON MODERN  
16 APPROACHES TO INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. THE  
17 PROPOSED PROGRAM REQUIRES THE DESTRUCTION OF RIPARIAN HABITAT,  
18 A HABITAT TYPE PRIORITIZED IN THIS YEAR'S CALIFORNIA WATER  
19 ACTION PLAN FOR PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT DUE  
20 TO THE NUMEROUS BENEFITS IT PROVIDES. AND THE RARE PLANT  
21 COMMUNITY OF RIVER SEIDIAN, ALLUVIALS FAN SAGE SCRUB WHICH IS  
22 NEARLY EXTRICATED FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD ALSO BE  
23 REMOVED IN THIS PLAN. THIS LOCATION IS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED IN THE  
24 U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES RIVER ECOSYSTEM  
25 RESTORATION STUDY AS PART OF THE ONE OF THE KEY HABITAT

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1 CORRIDORS THAT WOULD CONNECT HIGH VALUE HABITAT AREAS  
2 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THIS IS A VITAL PIECE OF THAT  
3 PLAN. WE'D LIKE TO SEE AN APPROACH FROM A FLOOD CONTROL  
4 DISTRICT THAT EXPLORES WAYS TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR DOWNSTREAM  
5 COMMUNITIES WHILE ACCOUNTING FOR THESE OTHER VALUES PROVIDED  
6 BY THE LOCATION SUCH AS THE PASADENA WORKING GROUP  
7 RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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11 **SIMON PENNY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SIMON PENNY. I'M A LOCAL  
12 RESIDENT. AND I LOVE MY HOME IN ALTADENA. THE LOWER ARROYO  
13 WILL BE CONVERTED INTO AN OPEN CUT MINE FOR FIVE YEARS IF THIS  
14 PROPOSAL GOES AHEAD, I'M NOT SURE IF ANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN  
15 AN OPEN CUT MINE. BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE TRUCK  
16 TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS IS A MONOR PART OF THE PROBLEM. I'M  
17 EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT QUESTIONS OF NOISE AND DUST POLLUTION  
18 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ON  
19 PROPERTY VALUES. LET'S NOT FORGET THAT ALL THE DUST AND ASH  
20 FROM THE STATION FIRE IS NOW SITTING IN THE ARROYO. AND THAT  
21 STUFF KICKS UP IN 5 KNOTS OF WIND. VAST EARTH MOVING MACHINES  
22 WILL KICK THAT UP EVEN MORE AND THAT WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE  
23 HEALTH EFFECTS IN THE COMMUNITY. I NOTE THAT WHEN THE DAM WAS  
24 BUILT, THERE WAS NO SETTLEMENT ANYWHERE NEAR THE DEVIL'S GATE.  
25 NOW IT'S A HIGHLY SETTLED AREA AND A LARGE RESEARCH CAMPUS IS

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1 RIGHT NEXT TO IT. I'VE NOTICED HAS NOTICED NO ONE HAS  
2 MENTIONED J.P.L. IN THIS CONVERSATION. I HAVEN'T HEARD A  
3 REPRESENTATIVE FROM J.P.L. ON THE SUBJECT. SO I ENCOURAGE THE  
4 ENDORSEMENT OF SOMETHING CLOSER TO THE PASADENA PLAN, A LOWER  
5 IMPACT PLAN. I ALSO PROPOSE THAT GIVEN THAT WHEN THE DEVIL'S  
6 GATE DAM WAS BUILT, THERE WAS NO SETTLEMENT WITHIN MILES. BUT  
7 THERE OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERATION FOR THE BUILDING OF ANOTHER  
8 DAM HIGHER UP IN THE ARROYO WHICH IS AS FAR FROM SETTLEMENT AS  
9 THE ORIGINAL DAM WAS WHEN IT WAS BUILT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE'RE GOING TO INCLUDE THE  
12 RESTRICTIONS RELATIVE TO HAULING ON THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND  
13 ON TIMES, BUT I HAVE THAT INCLUDED IN MY MOTION. BUT COULD YOU  
14 ALSO COMMENT ON SOME OF THE OTHER POINTS THAT WERE MADE BY THE  
15 PUBLIC?

16

17 **GARY HILDEBRAND:** WELL, FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD THIS AFTERNOON, I  
18 THINK YOU HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE CITY OF PASADENA WORKING GROUP  
19 PLAN. YOU'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE OF  
20 THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT RECOMMENDING TODAY. AND I THINK  
21 BETWEEN THE TWO PLANS, MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE  
22 WORKING GROUP IS PROPOSING IN OUR RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE WE  
23 ARE ABLE TO INCORPORATE THOSE OR THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE  
24 CITY AND OTHERS, UPON ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL E.I.R., THAT THOSE  
25 CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. I THINK

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1 MUCH OF WHAT YOU HEAR REVOLVES AROUND CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
2 QUANTITY OF MATERIAL BEING REMOVED. AND THOSE OBVIOUSLY IMPACT  
3 THE NUMBER OF TRUCK TRIPS AND ALSO OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS AIR  
4 QUALITY. NOW, FOR US, WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE ASSESSMENT THAT  
5 WE HAVE DONE OF THIS ALTERNATIVE THAT WE CAN CONDUCT THE  
6 OPERATION IN A WAY THAT MINIMIZES THE AIR QUALITY ISSUES TO  
7 BELOW SIGNIFICANT LEVELS, ALSO UTILIZES TRUCKS THAT WILL  
8 MINIMIZE THE IMPACT. WE WORKED WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA AND  
9 LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE TO DEVELOP THE HAUL ROUTES TO MINIMIZE  
10 IMPACTS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE FEEL WE CAN EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH  
11 THOSE ISSUES. ULTIMATELY THE QUANTITY OF SEDIMENT THAT WE'RE  
12 LOOKING AT REMOVING IS TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK  
13 THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN PROVIDED BY THE RESERVOIR TO THE  
14 DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITY. WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS DO WE MOVE  
15 FORWARD AND MAINTAIN THE SAME LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK OR WITH A  
16 LESSER QUANTITY OF SEDIMENT REMOVED, DO WE ACCEPT A GREATER  
17 LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK? AND THIS IS SORT OF THE ISSUE THAT IS IN  
18 FRONT OF THE BOARD THIS AFTERNOON. SO WE'RE RECOMMENDING WE  
19 PRESERVE THE EXISTING LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK THAT WE'VE BEEN  
20 HISTORICALLY BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE DOWNSTREAM  
21 COMMUNITIES WITH THE RESERVOIR AND FEEL THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE  
22 APPROACH FOR THE PROJECT.

23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE 2009 STATION FIRE BURNED  
25 NEARLY 100 PERCENT OF THE UNDEVELOPED WATERSHED ABOVE DEVIL'S

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1 GATE DAM AND RESERVOIR LEAVING VAST AREAS OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
2 MOUNTAINS DENUDED AND MAKING HIGH VOLUMES OF SEDIMENT  
3 INEVITABLE. THE TWO STORM SEASONS THAT FOLLOWED BROUGHT IN  
4 APPROXIMATELY 1.3 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF POST FIRE DEBRIS,  
5 REDUCING THE FLOOD CONTROL CAPACITY OF THE RESERVOIR AND  
6 INCREASING THE LEVEL OF FLOOD RISK TO DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES.  
7 NOW, RECOGNIZING INTRINSIC VALUE OF THE NATURAL AREA TO THE  
8 COMMUNITY, THAT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH  
9 RESERVOIR CAPACITY TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE REQUIRING  
10 SEDIMENT STORAGE CAPACITY NEEDING TO BE SUSTAINABLE, SOCIALLY  
11 ACCEPTABLE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE.  
12 THE BOARD DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BACK IN 2011  
13 MARCH 1ST TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
14 REMOVAL OF THE SEDIMENT FROM THE DEVEIL'S GATE RESERVOIR.  
15 PUBLIC WORKS CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE AND TRANSPARENT PUBLIC  
16 OUTREACH PROCESS LOOKING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POST FIRE  
17 SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC AND  
18 OPEN COMMUNITY FORUMS. COMMUNICATING THROUGH SOCIAL AND  
19 TRADITIONAL MEDIA AND WORKING DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL MUNICIPAL  
20 REPRESENTATIVES TASKFORCE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. THE  
21 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS WAS EXTENDED TWICE TO ACCOMMODATE AN  
22 ADDITIONAL COMMENT. AND ALL 250 COMMENT LETTERS RECEIVED WERE  
23 RESPONDED TO AND INCLUDED IN THE FINAL E.I.R. THE VAST  
24 MAJORITY OF THOSE ISSUES RAISED FOCUSED ON REDUCING THE VOLUME  
25 AND RATE OF SEDIMENT REMOVAL, AIR QUALITY, HABITAT AND TRAFFIC



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1 IMPACTS. THE FINAL E.I.R. IDENTIFIED ALTERNATIVES AND  
2 MITIGATIONS MEASURES DIRECTLY ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES AND  
3 REDUCING THEIR IMPACTS. WHILE NO ALTERNATIVE IS WITHOUT ITS  
4 IMPACTS, THE PUBLIC WORKS HAS THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED  
5 STAKEHOLDERS' INPUT, DISPLAYED FLEXIBILITY INNOVATION BY  
6 DEVELOPING THE RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE WITH A FINAL  
7 CONFIGURATION THAT NEARLY MIMICS THE CITY OF PASADENA'S  
8 HAHAMONGA'S MASTER PLAN AS RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTALLY  
9 SENSITIVE PROJECTS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE FLOOD RISK TO  
10 COMMUNITIES DOWNSTREAM AND PROPOSES A MAINTENANCE PLAN THAT  
11 MANAGES FUTURE SEDIMENT BUILDUP IN THE RESERVOIR IN A  
12 SUSTAINABLE ACCEPTABLE MANNER. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
13 MANY STAKEHOLDERS FROM ALTADENA, LA CANADA- FLINTRIDGE AND  
14 PASADENA WHO PROVIDED THEIR INPUT. THEIR WORK WITH REPUBLIC  
15 WORKS AS WELL AS MY OWN STAFF, AIDEL, WAS CONDUCTED IN A  
16 TRANSPARENT MANNER AND HAS HELPED SHAPE WHAT IS BEING  
17 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD TODAY. ONE THAT IS SENSITIVE TO ALL  
18 STAKEHOLDER NEEDS AND ONE I SUPPORT. SO I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE  
19 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 1, TO  
20 FURTHER REDUCE COMMUNITY IMPACTS BY INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING  
21 PROVISIONS IN THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND  
22 MANAGEMENT PROJECT DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. LIMIT  
23 HAULING HOURS TO MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7 A.M. TO 3:30  
24 P.M. HAULING TO OCCUR ONLY BETWEEN APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15 WITH  
25 THE ABILITY TO GO UNTIL DECEMBER IF WE HAVE A LATE WET STORM

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1 AND A DRY FALL. EXCLUDE WORK ON MAJOR HOLIDAYS AND MAJOR ROSE  
2 BOWL EVENTS. PROHIBIT TRUCKS FROM STAGING ON CITY STREETS.  
3 BALANCE TRUCK TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CITIES OF LA CANADA  
4 FLINTRIDGE AND PASADENA. WORK WITH THE PERMITTING AGENCIES AND  
5 STAKEHOLDERS TO RESTORE HABITAT IN THE PROJECT AREA CONSISTENT  
6 WITH THE HAHAMONGA MASTER PLAN. CONTINUE COLLABORATION ON  
7 PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION WITH THE ALTADENA TOWN  
8 COUNCIL AND THE CITIES OF PASADENA AND LA CANADA- FLINTRIDGE.  
9 IMPLEMENT A REGULAR MAINTENANCE CONCERN CONSISTENT WITH THE  
10 E.I.R. REPORT BY REMOVING ACCUMULATED SEDIMENT ANNUALLY TO  
11 REDUCE THE FUTURE FREQUENCY OF MAJOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL  
12 PROJECTS.

13  
14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK YOU YOU -- THE MOST INTERESTING  
15 QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED BY MR. CZAMANSKE IS WHAT IS THE  
16 POSSIBILITIES THAT GO WITH THE PASADENA PLAN THAT YOU WOULD  
17 HAVE AN OVERFLOW OF THE DAM? HAVE YOU CALCULATED THAT? YOU  
18 MUST HAVE OR YOU WOULDN'T BE MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION.

19  
20 **CHRIS STONE:** I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN EXACT PROBABILITY OF IT. BUT  
21 IF YOU WOULD LOOK AT THE FLOOD CONTROL OR THE SEDIMENT INFLOW  
22 HISTORY, WHEN YOU SEE 4.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS FLOWING INTO  
23 DEVIL'S GATE IN NINE YEARS, THAT TELLS YOU YOU NEED A LOT OF  
24 CAPACITY THERE. IN ORDER TO REMOVE THAT AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT  
25 FROM A RESERVOIR WOULD TAKE YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. SO I

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1 THINK THE STANDARD THAT WE'VE SET FOR ALL OF OUR DAMS -- AND  
2 IT'S BEEN THE STANDARD FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR  
3 DECADES IS TO HAVE THE TWO DEBRIS EVENT STORAGE CAPACITY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW IT'S BEEN THE STANDARD FOR DECADES.  
6 BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVE CHANGED IN THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN TERMS OF STANDARDS. I'M JUST  
8 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN YOU COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT  
9 YOU HAVE TO RUN THIS KIND OF AN OPERATION AT THIS INTENSE  
10 LEVEL THAT WILL IMPACT ALL OF THOSE COMMUNITIES, WHAT IS THE  
11 STATISTICAL BASIS UPON WHICH YOU MAKE THAT DETERMINATION? THAT  
12 YOUR RECOMMENDATION IS SUPERIOR IN THE SENSE THAT IT WOULD BE  
13 SAFER WHEREAS THE PASADENA ALTERNATIVE WOULD NOT BE SAFE OR  
14 ADEQUATE OR SUFFICIENTLY SAFE?

15

16 **CHRIS STONE:** THE FREQUENCY OF THE STORM THAT WE DESIGN BY IS A  
17 50-YEAR STORM EVENT WHICH HAPPENS, HAS A 2 PERCENT CHANCE OF  
18 HAPPENING EVERY YEAR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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22 **CHRIS STONE:** ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO POINT OUT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ANSWER MY QUESTION IF YOU CAN. IF YOU  
25 CAN'T JUST TELL ME YOU CAN'T. BUT DON'T TAKE ME, I DON'T WANT

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1 TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME ON THIS. IF I WAS SITTING IN THEIR  
2 SHOES, I'D BE ASKING MYSELF AS MR. CZAMANSKE ASKED DIRECTLY.  
3 ON WHAT DO YOU BASE YOUR RECOMMENDATION. WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES  
4 YOUR RECOMMENDATION SO SUPERIOR TO THE PASADENA ALTERNATIVE?  
5 WHAT ARE THE ODDS THAT IF YOU WENT WITH THE PASADENA  
6 ALTERNATIVE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF AN OVERFLOW  
7 DISASTER? I MEAN IF YOU HAD 100 YEAR FLOOD, EVEN YOUR  
8 RECOMMENDATION PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE SUFFICIENT, WOULD IT?

9

10 **CHRIS STONE:** I BELIEVE IT WOULD UNDER 100-YEAR, YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WOULD IT BE? SEVEN YEARS AGO WHEN WE  
13 HAD THE SECOND BIGGEST RAIN THAT WE EVER HAD, WOULD THE DAM  
14 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE IT? IT DID, DIDN'T IT?

15

16 **CHRIS STONE:** WELL, LET ME JUST TO CHARACTERIZE THAT, THE  
17 SEDIMENT FLOW THAT WE HAD, THE 1.3 MILLION CUBIC YARDS THAT  
18 CAME INTO THE RESERVOIR WAS A FIVE-YEAR STORM. THAT'S A 20  
19 PERCENT CHANCE OF HAPPENING EVERY YEAR. IF WE HAD THAT  
20 CAPACITY THERE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THE 500 YEAR WE HAD 7, 8 YEARS  
23 AGO.

24

25 **CHRIS STONE:** IT WOULD GO OVER THE TOP.

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1  
2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID IT GO OVER THE TOP SEVEN YEARS AGO.

3  
4 **CHRIS STONE:** WE DIDN'T HAVE A 500 YEAR EVENT IN THAT  
5 WATERSHED.

6  
7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS THE SECOND BIGGEST RAINSTORM OR THE  
8 RAIN WINTER WE HAD SINCE 1896.

9  
10 **CHRIS STONE:** YEAH. I THINK THAT THE DIFFICULTY IS PEOPLE THINK  
11 ABOUT FLOOD CONTROL WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT RAINFALL AMOUNTS.  
12 AND THAT WAS A VERY, VERY WET YEAR. BUT IT'S HOW THE RAINFALL  
13 WAS DELIVERED TO THE AREA. WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED ISN'T THE 50  
14 YEARS OF RAINFALL OVER THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. WE'RE CONCERNED  
15 ABOUT THE VERY LARGE STORMS THAT DELIVER HIGH INTENSITY RAINS  
16 THAT MOVE ALL THAT DEBRIS DOWN THROUGH THE WATERSHED DOWN INTO  
17 THE BASIN.

18  
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THIS DAM OVERFLOWED?

20  
21 **CHRIS STONE:** IT WENT TO SPILLWAY IN '04 IN THE STORM THAT  
22 HAPPENED IN 2010 IT WAS 1 FOOT FROM SPILLWAY.

23  
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IN '04 WHAT HAPPENED WHEN IT WENT TO  
25 SPILLWAY?

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1  
2 **CHRIS STONE:** WE HAD ENOUGH STORAGE CAPACITY IN THE BASIN TO  
3 WHERE IT WAS CAPTURED THERE. AND THE WATER WAS RELEASED  
4 DOWNSTREAM OVER THE SPILLWAY.

5  
6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWER. MAYBE I'M  
7 NOT ARTICULATING THE QUESTION ENOUGH. I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.  
8 [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE. I BELIEVE MR. CZAMANSKE DESERVES AN ANSWER  
9 AND THE REST OF US DO TO THAT QUESTION WE ASKED. WHAT ARE THE  
10 ODDS THAT IF YOU WENT WITH THE PASADENA ALTERNATIVE OR ANY  
11 OTHER TENTATIVE BUT THE PASADENA WAS THE ONE OFFERED. WHAT  
12 ARE THE ODDS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE AN OVERFLOW THAT WOULD CREATE  
13 PROPERTY DAMAGE PROBLEM AND A SAFETY PROBLEM IN A MAJOR FLOOD?  
14 I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER IT AGAIN BECAUSE YOU WILL DO THE SAME  
15 THING. BUT THAT'S MY QUESTION. AND I THINK IT'S A VERY  
16 LEGITIMATE QUESTION THAT THEY'RE ASKING. AND BECAUSE THE PRICE  
17 THEY'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THE ALTERNATIVE IS GOING TO AFFECT  
18 THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE HAVE THE EXACT  
19 SAME ISSUE UP IN SYLMAR WHERE YOU HAVE A DAM. IS IT PACOIMA  
20 DAM THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH UP THERE. I WALK A MILE IN  
21 THEIR SHOES. I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE 700 TRUCKS  
22 COMING DOWN MY RESIDENTIAL STREET EVERY DAY FOR FIVE YEARS.  
23 AND MAYBE THERE'S A WAY YOU CAN MITIGATE THAT. THEY'RE NOT  
24 SAYING DON'T DO IT. BUT PASADENA ALTERNATIVE SAID CUT IT DOWN  
25 FROM 400 TRUCKS A DAY TO 300 TRUCKS A DAY. I DON'T KNOW IF I

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1 LIVED THERE IF I WOULD SETTLE FOR 300 TRUCKS A DAY. BUT THERE  
2 IS A SAFETY ISSUE, ANYWAY. THAT'S IT. I'M DONE. THANK YOU VERY  
3 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOTION BEFORE US IS THERE A SECOND?  
7 CHAIR WILL SECOND. ANY OBJECTIONS?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, RECORD ME AS A NO VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE RECORDED  
12 AS A NO VOTE. ITEM PASSES 4-1.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS  
17 ALSO HOLDING ITEM NO. 27?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 27.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD THE DEPARTMENT UP? I HAVE SOME  
22 QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:**MR. CHAIRMAN, AS THE DEPARTMENT IS  
25 COMING UP. COULD WE GET APPROVAL ON ITEM NO. 2? SUPERVISOR



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE  
2 VOTE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITH THAT VOTE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
5 WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WITH THE NOTED OBJECTIONS, SO  
6 ORDERED. I WILL RELEASE MY HOLD ON ITEM 18.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 18 AND THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
11 THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 27 WAITING FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI. EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN A FEW OTHER  
18 HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS, IF WE HAVE A MOMENT. ITEM CS-2 FOR TODAY'S  
19 AGENDA WE'LL TAKE OFF CALENDAR. AND ON ITEM CS-5, WE'LL  
20 CONTINUE THAT ITEM ONE WEEK.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CS-5 CONTINUE ONE WEEK AND CS-2 TAKEN  
25 OFF CALENDAR. ANY OTHER HOUSE THE KEEPING ITEMS?



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NO, THAT'S IT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. GUINEY?

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6 **RUSS GUINEY:** WE DIDN'T HAVE A REPORT. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR US.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY PECULIAR ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN. LET ME ASK  
10 THE DIRECTOR. HOW DID THE M.O.U. COME ABOUT? AND DID THE  
11 M.R.C.A. APPROACH COUNTY PARKS REQUESTING THE FUNDS FOR  
12 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION?

13

14 **RUSS GUINEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR OF PARKS  
15 AND RECREATION AND I'M HERE WITH LISA SOCAR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE  
16 OFFICER OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
17 AND JEFF MALONEY COUNSEL FOR THE AUTHORITY. AND IN REGARD TO  
18 THE M.O.U., MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE THIRD DISTRICT ASKED THE  
19 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT THE M.O.U.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THIS SET A PRECEDENT?

22

23 **RUSS GUINEY:** THIS IS A PASS THROUGH FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. AND I  
24 DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ANY OTHER TYPE OF PASS THROUGH LIKE

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1 THIS. NOW AS TO WHETHER OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE THAT, I  
2 AM NOT SURE. I DEFER TO COUNSEL ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE A PRECEDENT  
5 ON THIS?

6

7 **MARK SALADINO:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF, SUPERVISOR. BUT TO THE  
8 EXTENT THAT ANY ACTION YOUR BOARD TAKES IS A PRECEDENT FOR A  
9 FUTURE ACTION.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT MY CONCERN IS. DOES THE  
12 DEPARTMENT SUPPORT THE M.O.U.?

13

14 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL WE'RE A PASS THROUGH ENTITY IN THIS CASE. IT  
15 DOESN'T AFFECT OUR BUDGET AND IT'S NOT MONEY FROM OUR BUDGET.  
16 AND WE HAVE FUNDS TO MONITOR THE PASS THROUGH SO IN THAT SENSE  
17 IT'S NOT AFFECTING OUR OPERATIONS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXCLUDING PROP A MAINTENANCE FUNDS, DOES THE  
20 COUNTY PARKS HAVE ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES  
21 THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES MONEY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
22 PROPERTIES NOT OWNED BY THE COUNTY?

23

24 **RUSS GUINEY:** ONLY IN THE CASE WHERE WE HAVE TENURE IN A  
25 PROPERTY AND WE OPERATE A PROPERTY. WE OPERATE THREE STATE

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1 PARKS AND WE PROVIDE THE MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR THOSE PARKS  
2 BUT WE HAVE TENURE IN THAT PROPERTY AND WE PROVIDE THE  
3 OPERATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS APPROXIMATELY A MILLION-DOLLAR ITEM,  
6 \$930,000. WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST FOR MAINTAINING OPERATING THE  
7 AREA COVERED BY THIS M.O.U.?

8

9 **RUSS GUINEY:** I WILL DEFER TO THE M.R.C.A. ON THAT.

10

11 **LISA SOCAR:** I DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE A BREAKDOWN FOR THIS  
12 EXACT AREA. THE M.R.C.A.'S ANNUAL BUDGET IS ABOUT \$30 MILLION  
13 A YEAR. HALF OF THAT ROUGHLY GOES TO NEW ACQUISITIONS AND  
14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE OTHER HALF IS FOR OPERATIONS AND  
15 MAINTENANCE. OF THE 65,000 ACRES THAT THE M.R.C.A. MANAGES,  
16 APPROXIMATELY A QUARTER OF THAT IS WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA  
17 MOUNTAINS IN THIS AREA. AND WHILE IT IS A QUARTER OF THE  
18 ACREAGE, IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST HEAVILY USED AND ENDS UP  
19 TAKING PROBABLY HALF OF THAT OPERATING BUDGET BECAUSE THESE  
20 ARE, AGAIN, MOST POPULAR PARKS. THEY'RE THE PARKS WITH THE  
21 MOST FACILITIES AND GET VISITOR TRAFFIC FROM THROUGHOUT THE  
22 COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF COUNTY  
25 PARKS FUNDED 100 PERCENT?

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2 **RUSS GUINEY:** NO, THEY'RE NOT. WE LOST DURING THE RECESSIONARY  
3 PERIOD ABOUT 300 POSITIONS. IN ADDITION FOR THE COUNTY PARKS  
4 DEPARTMENT, WE WILL LOSE ABOUT 800,000 IN MAINTENANCE FUNDS  
5 NEXT YEAR WITH THE EXPIRATION OF PROP A 1992.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WHY ARE WE INTENDING \$930,000 ON THIS  
8 M.R.C.A. LAND BEFORE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN OPERATIONAL NEEDS  
9 AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS?

10

11 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL, WE SUBMIT OUR NEEDS EACH YEAR IN THE  
12 BUDGETARY PROCESS, BUT OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T HAVE THE FINAL SAY  
13 OVER WHAT'S ALLOCATED TO OUR DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHY WOULD THE BOARD WANT TO TAKE MONEY  
16 FROM OUR OWN FACILITIES AND OUR OWN NEEDS TO FUND \$930,000  
17 PROJECT FOR THE M.R.C.A.?

18

19 **RUSS GUINEY:** I GUESS THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION FOR YOUR BOARD,  
20 SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS TO BE USED TO  
23 PAY THIS ANNUAL OBLIGATION? AND NOT JUST NOW BUT FOR THE  
24 ENTIRE LIFE OF THIS M.O.U.?

25

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **RUSS GUINEY:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S THIRD DISTRICT NET  
2 COUNTY COST.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE COST?

5

6 **RUSS GUINEY:** THIS WOULD BE FOR THIS APPROPRIATION, THE  
7 930,000.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT NOW THE COUNTY WILL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY  
10 THAT, CORRECT?

11

12 **RUSS GUINEY:** IF YOUR BOARD APPROVES, THEN THE COUNTY WOULD,  
13 YES, IN SUBSEQUENT BUDGET BUDGETARY YEARS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT AMOUNTS TO IN  
16 SUBSEQUENT YEARS? THE TOTAL AMOUNT?

17

18 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL THE M.O.U. DOESN'T HAVE AN END DATE. IT HAS  
19 A CLAUSE FOR CANCELLATION. SO IT WOULD BE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR  
20 BOARD, I GUESS, AS TO HOW LONG YOU WOULD FUND THIS INTO THE  
21 FUTURE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ISN'T THE EXACT ONGOING SOURCE IDENTIFIED  
24 IN THE BOARD LETTER OR IN THE M.O.U.?

25

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **RUSS GUINEY:** I THOUGHT IT IS.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IT'S THIRD DISTRICT  
6 DISCRETIONARY MONEY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONGOING MONEY AS EVERY OFFICE GETS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG IS THE TERM OF THIS M.O.U.?

11

12 **RUSS GUINEY:** THERE IS NO END DATE BUT IT HAS A 90-DAY  
13 CANCELLATION PROVISION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY FOR ENTERING  
16 INTO AGREEMENTS LIKE THIS?

17

18 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL THIS IS A UNIQUE AGREEMENT. WE DON'T HAVE A  
19 STANDARD POLICY TO ADDRESS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF ANOTHER CONSERVANCY CAME TO US  
22 REQUESTING A MILLION DOLLARS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THEIR  
23 OPEN SPACE, WOULD WE JUST SEND THEM A CHECK?

24



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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** WELL AGAIN I THINK THAT WOULD BE UP TO YOUR  
2 BOARD. THIS IS NOT MONEY COMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE DETERMINE  
5 WHAT AGENCIES OR PARKS ARE WORTH SPENDING A MILLION DOLLARS  
6 WORTH OF COUNTY FUNDS?

7

8 **RUSS GUINEY:** AGAIN I THINK THAT'S A QUESTION FOR YOUR BOARD AS  
9 OPPOSED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COUNTY COUNSEL, IS IT COMMON FOR THE COUNTY  
12 TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS THAT OBLIGATE US PERPETUALLY INTO  
13 ANOTHER ENTITY TO GIVE TO ANOTHER ENTITY FUNDS TO OPERATE AND  
14 MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY?

15

16 **MARK SALADINO:** I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
17 THERE AREN'T ANY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE TERMINATION CLAUSE WORK IN THIS  
20 AGREEMENT? ARE THERE ANY PENALTIES FOR THE COUNTY TERMINATING  
21 THE AGREEMENT WITHIN A 90-DAY PERIOD?

22

23 **MARK SALADINO:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO. I BELIEVE IT'S SUBJECT TO  
24 APPROPRIATIONS.

25

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **RUSS GUINEY:** IF THERE ARE ANY OBLIGATIONS DURING THE YEAR IN  
2 WHICH THE M.O.U. IS CANCELED, THE PARTY THAT WISHES TO CANCEL  
3 IS STILL OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE OBLIGATIONS. SO THAT  
4 WOULD MEAN THAT WHATEVER YEAR YOU WERE IN, THE COUNTY WOULD BE  
5 OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE THE \$930,000 EVEN IF THEY CANCELED THAT  
6 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. AND IF THE M.R.C.A. CANCELED,  
7 THEN I SUPPOSE THEY WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE THE  
8 OPERATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT SEEMS, THOUGH, IT WOULD HAVE BENCH MORE  
11 APPROPRIATE TO FORM A J.P.A. OR OTHER MECHANISM TO FUND THE  
12 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THESE LANDS.

13

14 **RUSS GUINEY:** THAT'S CERTAINLY ANOTHER WAY TO APPROACH THE  
15 ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD OPPOSE THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YEAH, MY CONCERN WAS I DON'T HAVE  
20 A PROBLEM WITH THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT'S THIRD DISTRICT  
21 DISCRETIONARY. IT'S THE ONGOING RELATIONSHIP. IT'S ONE OF THE  
22 REASONS YOU MENTIONED TO ME IF PROP P. DIDN'T PASS THIS IS THE  
23 KIND OF OPERATIONAL DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO BE JEOPARDIZED  
24 IF I'M CORRECT?

25

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T HAVE A QUESTION. IT'S A  
4 STATEMENT. YOU SAID TO ME THAT IF PROP P. DIDN'T PASS, THESE  
5 ARE THE KINDS OF DOLLARS THAT WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IN YOUR  
6 BUDGET BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ONGOING MAINTENANCE.

7

8 **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT. EVERY AGENCY THAT RECEIVES MAINTENANCE  
9 MONEY FROM PROP A. 1992 WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THOSE  
10 MAINTENANCE DOLLARS BEGINNING NEXT JULY 1ST. AND THIS  
11 DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
12 RECEIVES ABOUT 800,000 A YEAR IN ONGOING MAINTENANCE MONEY  
13 FROM PROP A. 1992, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REPLACED IF PROP P.  
14 HAD PASSED. SINCE PROP P. HASN'T, THEN THAT FUNDING, THE  
15 800,000 TO THIS DEPARTMENT WILL END NEXT JUNE 30TH.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THE J.P.A. OR THE M.O.U. AS IT'S  
18 WRITTEN DOESN'T OBLIGATE US INTO PERPETUITY, AM I CORRECT?  
19 WHAT I DON'T WANT, BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE NOW, SO I DON'T HAVE A  
20 PROBLEM WITH IT. BUT DOWN THE ROAD, IF THIRD DISTRICT HAS AN  
21 ISSUE OR WE HAVE AN ISSUE DISTRICT-WIDE, I DON'T WANT TO BE IN  
22 A POSITION WHERE YOU COME TO US AND SAY WELL YOU'RE OBLIGATED  
23 AND ALL OF A SUDDEN I HAVE TO FIND \$900,000 THAT MAY  
24 JEOPARDIZE MAINTENANCE DOLLARS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON. THEY'RE NOT OBLIGATED. THIS IS AN  
2 ANNUAL THING. IF THE NEXT SUPERVISOR WANTS TO CANCEL THIS. 90  
3 DAYS NOTICE AND IT'S CANCELED. NOBODY'S OBLIGATED. AND BY THE  
4 WAY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE, MR. GUINEY, THAT THE NEXT  
5 SUPERVISOR WOULD CHOOSE TO TAKE THAT MONEY OUT OF THE M.R.C.A.  
6 AND GIVE IT TO PARKS. THEY COULD GIVE IT TO SOMETHING ELSE.  
7 THESE ARE NOT PARK MONIES. THESE ARE THE SAME ONGOING MONIES  
8 THAT EVERY OFFICE GETS. AND NOBODY QUESTIONS WHAT THE  
9 PRIORITIES ARE OF EACH OFFICE. THAT'S THE WAY WE DO IT. AND WE  
10 HAVE AN ISSUE WITH MAINTENANCE OF THESE PARKS THAT ARE  
11 INTERSPERSED IN SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES, IN SOME CASES URBAN  
12 COMMUNITIES AND IN SOME CASES RURAL COMMUNITIES. AND, IN FACT,  
13 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS GET THE MAINTENANCE THAT THE  
14 M.R.C.A., GIVES THEM THE RESOURCES AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM  
15 TO GET THEIR MAINTENANCE OPERATION UP AND RUNNING AGAIN IN  
16 SOME OF THESE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE'VE HAD A LOT OF COMPLAINTS.  
17 THAT'S THE PRIORITY THAT THIS DISTRICT HAS. THE NEXT  
18 SUPERVISOR CAN TOTALLY TURN THAT AROUND ON 90 DAYS NOTICE. AND  
19 DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTING THAT MONEY.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY, ZEV. I MEANT  
22 THE OBLIGATION.

23  
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEANT HIM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEANT THE OBLIGATION OF THAT MONEY  
2 BECAUSE THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE IF WE WERE OBLIGATED IN SOME  
3 WAY AND COULD NOT FUND IT THEN IT DOES COME OUT OF THEIR  
4 BUDGET.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY ARE NOT OBLIGATED. THESE ARE NOT PARK  
7 AND RECREATION MONIES. THESE ARE ONGOING MONIES THAT ARE  
8 ALLOCATED TO EACH OFFICE AND IT IS CANCELABLE ON 90 DAYS  
9 NOTICE. NO OBLIGATION.

10

11 **RUSS GUINEY:** WE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT, SUPERVISOR. THERE IS  
12 NO ASSUMPTION THAT IF THE MONEY DIDN'T GO TO THE M.R.C., WOULD  
13 IT GO TO US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT'S DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE AND  
14 OF THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DON'T FIND THE SOURCE OF FUNDING  
21 IDENTIFIED IN YOUR LETTER TO THE BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE SOURCE IS THIRD DISTRICT  
24 DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONGOING. WHAT IS IT CALLED? WHAT PAGE IS IT  
2 ON? THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, MR. ANTONOVICH. IT'S THE FIRST  
3 COUNTY CONTRIBUTION OF \$930,000 DUE PURSUANT TO RECOMMENDED  
4 M.O.U., ONGOING NET COUNTY COSTS WHICH IS ESTABLISHED IN THE  
5 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY'S F.Y.2014/'15 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET.  
6 THIS APPROPRIATION WAS ALREADY APPROVED WHEN WE DID  
7 SUPPLEMENTAL. SO THIS IS JUST EXECUTING THE AGREEMENT. SO  
8 THERE IS NO DISCUSSION WHEN WE ACTUALLY APPROVED THE  
9 APPROPRIATION. SO THIS IS THE AGREEMENT. IN THE BOARD LETTER.  
10 90-DAY CANCELLATION NOTICE. NOBODY IS BEING OBLIGATED. AT  
11 LEAST WE GET A YEAR'S WORTH OF MAINTENANCE OUT OF THIS.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT SEEMS TO ME IF YOU WILL A LOT THIS MONEY  
14 OUT OF YOUR DISCRETIONARY FUND YOU WOULD DO IT FOR ONE YEAR  
15 AND THE NEW SUPERVISOR WHO COMES ON BOARD IN A MONTH AND WE  
16 DEVELOP THE 15/16 BUDGET WOULD THEN HAVE HER INPUT AS TO WHAT  
17 SHE OUGHT TO DO?

18  
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE WILL HAVE THAT INPUT THE MINUTE SHE GETS  
20 HERE.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE A 90 DAY CANCELLATION. THIS IS  
23 SAYING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THAT IS THE DECISION SHE SHOULD  
24 MAKE.

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1 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND SHE WILL.

2

3 SUP. ANTONOVICH: I DON'T BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE IT FOR HER.

4

5 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THANKS. SHE WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
6 MAKE IT. I'M MAKING THE DECISION FOR NOW.

7

8 SUP. ANTONOVICH: I WOULD MOVE TO AMEND IT TO ONE TIME ONLY AND  
9 LET THE NEW SUPERVISOR HAVE THAT DECISION TO BE MADE.

10

11 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT?

12

13 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I ASK FOR A NO VOTE. I PREFER WE HANDLE THIS  
14 THE SAME WAY WE'VE HANDLED EVERY OTHER OFFICE'S ONGOING MONEY.

15

16 SUP. ANTONOVICH: BUT YOU'RE NOT HERE IN ANOTHER MONTH.

17

18 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS TO MAKE IT A  
19 ONE-TIME ALLOCATION. BEEN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
20 THOMAS. ROLL CALL?

21

22 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24 SUP. MOLINA: [INAUDIBLE]

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

2

3 **SUPRIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSTAIN. MOTION FAILS. THE ITEM IS  
14 BEFORE US.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ROLL CALL.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:**SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUP. MOLINA:  
21 [INAUDIBLE]

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

25 **SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS:** [INAUDIBLE]



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT TAKES CARE OF ITEM

19 27. ITEM 18 I RELEASED. WE TOOK CARE OF ALREADY. ADJOURNMENTS?

20 STARTING WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SEVERAL. THE FIRST ONE IS A

25 DIFFICULT ONE FOR ME. THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOM

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1 BLACKMAN, HE IS THE FATHER AND GOOD FRIEND OF MINE OF MY  
2 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW BRIANA AND CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND. PASSED AWAY  
3 ON NOVEMBER 10TH. HE WAS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN AND INCREDIBLE  
4 ENTREPRENEUR WHO SUCCESSFULLY HEADED CAL-MET. TOM IS SURVIVED  
5 BY HIS THREE DAUGHTERS. BRIANA, ERIN, JENNIFER. TWO SONS-IN-  
6 LAW, MATT AND JOHN, GRANDSONS CARSON, BRETT AND KADEN, GRAND-  
7 DAUGHTERS KYLA AND RILEY. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HIS  
8 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. TOUGH. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
9 ANDERSON DALE BARD WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON OCTOBER  
10 27TH AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 15. RESIDENT SAN PEDRO. ATTENDED  
11 SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL MARINE SCIENCE MAGNET. HE HAD A WIDE  
12 VARIETY OF INTERESTS INCLUDING MARINE LIFE. SURVIVED BY HIS  
13 PARENTS, DAVID AND RONNIE, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES AND  
14 LARGE NUMBERS OF EXTENDED FAMILY. WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. VERY  
15 SAD. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANET SWITZER, FOUNDER  
16 OF TORRANCE'S SWITZER CENTER AND NATIONALLY-KNOWN EDUCATOR OF  
17 CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES WHO PASSED AWAY DUE TO  
18 COMPLICATIONS FROM LUNG CANCER AND FROM CHRONIC PULMONARY  
19 DISEASE. SHE WAS 82. RECEIVED HER BACHELOR DEGREE OF  
20 PSYCHOLOGY FROM ANTIOCH COLLEGE AND DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL  
21 PSYCHOLOGY FROM CLARK UNIVERSITY WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
22 LECTURED AT U.C.L.A. TREATED MORE THAN 5,000 CHILDREN WITH  
23 LEARNING AND EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
24 SISTER RUTH PEARL, TWO NIECES AND A NEPHEW. THEN ALSO WE  
25 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUBEN RAMIREZ. RUBEN PASSED AWAY RECENTLY

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1 AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
2 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER TERESA. THEN ALSO DOUG SCHNEIDER,  
3 PROUD THIRD GENERATION NATIVE OF HERMOSA BEACH. DIED LAST  
4 WEEKEND IN A DIRT BIKE ACCIDENT IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP OTHERS  
5 FROM HARM. LOVED TO DIRT BIKE, SURF, PLAY VOLLEYBALL, NOT  
6 NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER BUT MOST OF ALL HE LOVED HIS FAMILY.  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, EXTENDED FAMILY, HIS SIBLINGS AND  
8 COUSINS AND THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, HIS WIFE CHRISTINE AND HIS  
9 SON DYLAN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, SO ORDERED. MIKE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
12 A VERY GOOD FRIEND, FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HIGH SCHOOL AND  
13 COLLEGE CLASSMATE, FRATERNITY BROTHER BILL WISE WHO PASSED  
14 AWAY TWO DAYS AGO AT THE AGE OF 76. HE WAS A LONGTIME ANALYST  
15 IN THE THE OFFICE OF THE C.I.O. HE WORKED IN MY OFFICE. HE WAS  
16 A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT. HE WAS ALSO MY APPOINTEE TO THE  
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION. BILL WAS A GOOD  
18 MAN, QUITE INVOLVED. HE WAS PROBABLY HAD A PHOTOGENIC MEMORY  
19 OF HISTORY OF L.A. COUNTY. HE KNEW THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE  
20 COUNTY GOING BACK TO DON BENITA WILSON 1950 WHEN WE BECAME  
21 INCORPORATED. AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, HIS SISTER AND SISTER-  
22 IN-LAW AND TWO DAUGHTERS AND GRANDSON. CONGRESSMAN PHILIP  
23 CRANE WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 FOR 35 YEARS. HE HAD STARTED FROM HIS LEADERSHIP POSITION AS A  
25 NATIONAL LEADER BEGAN WHEN HE WAS WORKING IN SENATOR

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1 GOLDWATER'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS 50 YEARS AGO  
2 TODAY. HE SERVED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1969  
3 WHERE HE WAS ELECTED IN A SPECIAL ELECTION TO SUCCEED DONALD  
4 RUMSFELD. AND HE CO-CHAIRLED THE REPUBLICAN STUDY GROUP,  
5 CHAIRED THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION, STRONG ADVOCATE FOR  
6 DEREGULATION AND FREE TRADE DURING HIS TENURE. HE HELPED WITH  
7 THE FOUNDING OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. AND HIS WIFE, ARLENE,  
8 WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON. SHE PASSED AWAY A COUPLE YEARS AGO.  
9 AND HE SERVED MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AND WAYS AND MEANS  
10 COMMITTEE. AND HE LEAVES HIS THREE SIBLINGS, HIS SEVEN  
11 CHILDREN AND HIS BROTHER WHO IS THE FORMER CONGRESSMAN DANIEL  
12 CRANE. TERRY SPAIN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
13 WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FOR  
14 40 YEARS. HE WAS A COMPLEX MANAGER AT THE MIRA LOMA DETENTION  
15 CENTER. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS THREE CHILDREN.  
16 RUDY RADOVICH, VETERAN SERVED IN -- PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
17 92. HE MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1974. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL  
18 ENGINEER WORKING FOR RALPH PARSONS -- BRITISH PETROLEUM AND  
19 NOVARTIS CORPORATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN  
20 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. KENNETH EDWARD MOORE OF PASADENA. HE  
21 HAD A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING AND  
22 WORKED AS A PIANIST AT THE BERMUDA HOUSE OF MUSIC. HE IS  
23 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GINNY AND HIS SIX CHILDREN, 14  
24 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. OFFICER CARMEN  
25 HARRIS, COURT SPECIALIST WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 24TH. SHE HAD JOINED THE  
2 DEPARTMENT BACK IN 1995 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE LONG BEACH  
3 OFFICE AS THE CIVIL MANAGEMENT BUREAU AT THE TIME OF HER  
4 PASSING. VIRGINIA ROSE FOOTMAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN  
5 MARINO. BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER AND EDUCATOR. SURVIVED BY HER  
6 CHILDREN PATRICIA AND JOHN. EDWARD GEORGE DADULAK JR.,  
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. HE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS  
8 IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. SEVERAL OF HIS AWARDS INCLUDING  
9 A NATIONAL DAYTIME EMMY FOR THE SERIES "BETTER HOMES AND  
10 GARDENS," EMMY AWARD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL  
11 ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY. SURVIVED BY MOTHER, SISTER,  
12 WIFE AND TWO SONS. DONALD WERNER CLARK, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
13 PASADENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83, SERVED IN THE UNITED  
14 STATES MARINE CORPS. FOUGHT IN THE COMBAT IN THE KOREAN WAR  
15 AND AS A RIFLE INSTRUCTOR AT CAMP MATTHEWS. HE ENJOYED A 33-  
16 YEAR CAREER AS A SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER WITH THE LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT AND SURVIVED WHICH HIS BY  
18 HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER AND THREE BROTHERS. THOSE ARE MY  
19 ADJOURNMENTS.

20  
21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
22 WELL-KNOWN CHICANO ARTIST AND MASTER PRINT MAKER, RICHARD  
23 DURADO. HE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF IN HIS SELF-HELP GRAPHICS AND  
24 LATER COFOUNDED "CENTRO DE ARTE PUBLICO" STUDIO. HE WAS KNOWN  
25 AS THE ANDY WARHOL OF THE WEST AND ALSO ESTABLISHED THE

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1 "MODERN MULTIPLES" PRINT MAKING STUDIOS WHICH FEATURES  
2 CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS EFFORTS ON  
3 BEHALF OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
4 ENSURE TOP NOTCH ART COLLECTION WITHIN THE LIBRARY'S CHICANO  
5 STUDY SECTION WILL NEVER BE FORGETTEN. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR  
6 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FRIENDS, HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS HIS  
7 COLLEAGUES. THAT'S IT.

8  
9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HERBERT  
10 BRIDGES BORN 1914 LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS PASSED ON OCTOBER 30TH  
11 AT THE AGE OF 100. HE WAS THE ELDEST OF 7 CHILDREN AND  
12 SUPPORTED HIS FAMILY AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. BY 1960, HE  
13 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES AND MET AND MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS  
14 LIFE BETTY MAE AND RAISED FIVE GIRLS. MR BRIDGES WORKED IN THE  
15 CAR DEALERSHIP INDUSTRY FOR 51 YEARS, INCLUDING RALPH  
16 CUTWRIGHT VOLKSWAGON WHICH IS NOW THE THE SANTA MONICA  
17 VOLKSWAGON AND RETIRED FROM SANTA MONICA B.M.W. NOW KNOWN AS  
18 OCEAN MOTORS. HE LED AND LONG AND EVENTFUL LIFE AND WAS  
19 DEDICATED TO SPENDING TIME WITH HIS GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE  
20 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF HIS FAMILY AND BASKETBALL. MR.  
21 BRIDGES IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, JOYCE, SHIRLEY, BARBARA,  
22 AND CARL, 19 GRANDCHILDREN, 22 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 3  
23 GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS WHO  
24 WILL ALL MISS HIM DEARLY. HERBERT BRIDGES, MR. CHAIRMAN. 100  
25 YEARS OF AGE.

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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC COMMENT. LET'S START WITH  
3 LANCASTER. FRAN SERESERES. I TRIED, SORRY. AND THEN FOLLOWED  
4 BY JEFF OLISH UP THERE. GO AHEAD.

5  
6 **FRAN SERESERES:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME FOR A MINUTE. I TALKED TO YOU ON  
8 SEPTEMBER 28TH ABOUT LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL WANTING TO CLOSE  
9 THE METROLINK. AND SINCE THEN, THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT MOVING  
10 IT TO AVENUE D, WHICH DOESN'T MAKE, DOESN'T SEEM FEASIBLE TO  
11 ME BECAUSE AVENUE D IS NOT THAT FAR AWAY FROM LANCASTER  
12 BOULEVARD WHERE IT'S LANCASTER METROLINK IS NOW. IF ANYTHING,  
13 MAYBE THEY SHOULD OPEN UP ANOTHER METROLINK STATION UP THERE.  
14 I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MR. JEFF GARDEN ABOUT THE METRO. HE'S THE  
15 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WITH METROLINK AND THEY, HE SAYS  
16 THEY'RE WORKING WITH OUR CITY COUNCIL AS FAR AS FOR PUTTING  
17 MORE SECURITY AND CAMERAS AND WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE  
18 LANCASTER METROLINK STATION SAFE. AS FAR AS THE HOMELESS  
19 SITUATION OR PROBLEM, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH METROLINK. I  
20 HAVE THE LAST TIME I ASKED FOR MONETARY HELP FOR THE HOMELESS  
21 AS THEY'RE COMING FROM LOS ANGELES, IN THE INTERIM, I HAVE  
22 TALKED AND SPOKE WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I WANT TO  
23 THANK HIM FOR HIS ENCOURAGEMENT IN SAYING THAT HE HAS SPOKEN  
24 WITH HIS OR GIVEN THIS TO HIS EXECUTIVE DEPUTY SACHI HAMAI. I  
25 WANT TO KNOW THANK YOU VERY MUCH BUT THE MONIES THAT WE GET

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1 HOPEFULLY TO HELP THE HOMELESS NOT ONLY HOUSE-WISE BUT ALSO  
2 JOB CREATION AND MY LAST THING IS I WANT TO THANK THE  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I'M WONDERING WHEN WILL WE HAVE ANY  
4 PROGRESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JEFF, ARE YOU STILL THERE?

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8 **SPEAKER:** JEFF ALREADY LEFT THE BUILDING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ARNOLD  
11 SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, BRETT LEAVEN, ADAM JENOD.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
14 DISTRICT 3. IT'S A LONG DAY SO I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL EAGER TO  
15 GET OUT OF HERE, AS AM I. MR. ANTONOVICH I WANTED YOU TO KNOW  
16 THAT NOBODY HAS A MONOPOLY ON COMPASSION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME.  
17 MYSELF INCLUDED. TWO DAYS BEFORE MY SON WAS BORN, MY GOOD  
18 FRIEND ROWLAND KUSTER WAS MURDERED IN HOLLYWOOD. AND  
19 THANKFULLY WAS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. HIS  
20 FAMILY, OF COURSE, WILL NEVER RECOVER FROM THAT LOSS. AND I  
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR VICTIMS IN GENERAL.  
22 BUT I THINK IT'S A CHEAP POLITICAL TRICK TO TRY TO  
23 CHARACTERIZE MY COMMENTS AS ANYTHING BUT WHAT THEY WERE. I  
24 STAND WITH YOU IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS. HOWEVER, WHAT WE WERE  
25 TALKING ABOUT WAS DIVERSION. AND BY PUTTING THE TWO ITEMS





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1 TOGETHER, I DO THINK IT WAS CONFUSING CERTAINLY FOR ME AND I  
2 THINK POSSIBLY FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AND I WOULD  
3 ASK YOU TO EVALUATE THAT AS IDEAS, NOT AS POLITICS. I  
4 PERSONALLY FEEL BADLY THAT I OFFENDED YOU. MOVING ON TO MR.  
5 SALADINO WHO IS CHECKING HIS MAIL. WE DID COMMUNICATE QUITE  
6 CLEARLY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OUGHT TO ADDRESS  
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S VERY SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS ABOUT PENSION  
8 SPIKING AND ISSUES OF CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS THAT WERE LOOKED  
9 AT BY THE D.A. THE D.A. MADE A FINDING. AND IT IS VERY  
10 IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND UNDER THE BROWN ACT THAT  
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNDERSTANDS THE FINDING, CONCURS WITH  
12 IT OR DOESN'T CONCUR WITH IT SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED  
13 ACCORDINGLY. SO YOU HAVE NOT ADDRESSED THAT. I WAS VERY UPSET,  
14 I WILL SAY, THAT THE LOS ANGELES TIMES QUOTED YOU AS SAYING  
15 "WE GOOFED". AND THEY QUOTED MR. DODD WHO IS A D.A. SAYING  
16 TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATELY, "IT WASN'T A BIG ONE." I DON'T KNOW  
17 WHAT A BIG ONE LOOKS LIKE IF TALKING ABOUT PENSION SPIKING  
18 INAPPROPRIATELY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IS NOT A BIG ONE. SO I  
19 WOULD ASK YOU TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY. I'D ASK THE BOARD EACH  
20 TO ADDRESS IT AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP. SABA MASKAL, JOSE  
23 MARTINEZ, ANDREA CAMPBELL. LUIS GARCIA. SHELIAH WARD. JABRIEL  
24 MUHAMMAD.

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1 **ANDREA CAMPBELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD  
2 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ANDREA CAMPBELL. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE  
3 METRO STATE ROUTE 710 STUDY OUTREACH TEAM. AND I'M HERE TO  
4 PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC. METRO AND  
5 CALTRANS ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO ADDRESS MOBILITY IN THE STATE  
6 ROUTE 710 NORTH STUDY AREA WHICH INCLUDES ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF  
7 THE COUNTY'S POPULATION. IT'S BOUNDED BY THE 5 AND THE 2  
8 FREEWAYS TO THE WEST, THE 210 TO THE NORTH, THE 10 TO THE  
9 SOUTH AND THE 605 TO THE EAST. METRO AND CALTRANS ARE LOOKING  
10 AT WAYS TO ADDRESS MOBILITY AND TRAFFIC AND ARE SETTING FIVE  
11 ALTERNATIVES. ONE IS NO BUILD. BUS RAPID TRANSIT. LIGHT RAIL  
12 TRANSIT. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT. AND TRANSPORTATION  
13 DEMAND MANAGEMENT. AS WELL AS THE FREEWAY TUNNEL. NO DECISIONS  
14 HAVE BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME. BUT THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND STATEMENT IS SLATED TO BE  
16 RELEASED IN FEBRUARY 2015. AT THAT TIME THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE  
17 90 DAYS TO COMMENT. THERE WILL BE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS. AND THE  
18 BEST WAY TO GET INFORMATION WOULD BE TO SIGN UP TO JOIN OUR  
19 CONTACT LIST, WHICH IS AT METRO.NET/SR710 STUDY. OR YOU CAN  
20 CALL US AT 855-477-7100. I ALSO LEFT SOME MATERIALS BEHIND FOR  
21 THE MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR COMING OVER. NEXT? GO  
24 AHEAD, MA'AM. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO.

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1 **SABA MASKEL:** MY NAME SABA MASKEL:

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE YOU GO.

4

5 **SABA MASKEL:** MY NAME IS SABA MASKEL AND I AM FROM THE OTHER  
6 SIDE OF AFRICA, ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE OTHER ONE IS  
7 THE AFRICAN [INAUDIBLE] CENTER. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I AM  
8 NOT SURE YOUR LAW MEANING NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR LAW BUT WHAT I  
9 DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT IT'S NOT IMPLEMENT CORRECTLY. THE  
10 AFRICAN REFUGEES IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN HERE AT LEAST  
11 MYSELF AND OTHERS, OTHER AFRICAN REFUGEES, MORE THAN 35 YEARS.  
12 AND I HAVE BEEN SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR THAT LONG. AND WE  
13 HAVE PROBLEM WITH D.M.H. WE HAVE PROBLEM WITH D.P.S.S. WE HAVE  
14 PROBLEMS WITH I.S.S., SOCIAL SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION,  
15 HOUSING, MEDICAL, LANGUAGE. ETHIOPIA IS THE FIRST COUNTRY  
16 WHERE LUCY COME FROM. AND NO OTHER LANGUAGE WAS FIRST BEFORE  
17 MY LANGUAGE. MY LANGUAGE IS [INAUDIBLE] ACCORDING TO THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES YOU HAVE 19 LANGUAGES TRANSLATED  
19 AND IN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THE PEOPLE ARE WORKING FOR THEIR  
20 PEOPLE. UNFORTUNATELY, AFRICANS HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED  
21 OUTRAGEOUSLY. ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW, WE WERE  
22 SUPPOSED TO BE SERVED LIKE ANY OTHER REFUGEE. WE ARE DEGRADED.  
23 ONE, THE ORIGIN OF MAN COME FROM. BUT TODAY WE ARE UNDER YOUR  
24 WELFARE. I AM NOT A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY. I'M AN EXILE. I'M

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1 A REFUGEE. AND I TOOK IT AS DUTY AND AS OBLIGATION TO SERVE MY  
2 PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP IS ANYBODY FROM D.P.S.S. TO  
5 VISIT? THE YOUNG MAN WILL VISIT WITH YOU OVER HERE.

6

7 **SABA MASKEL:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. SEE THAT BIG SIGN? IT  
10 SAYS TIME EXPIRED.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HE HAS SOMEBODY THAT WILL TALK TO YOU OVER THERE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE GENTLEMAN WILL VISIT WITH YOU OVER  
15 HERE. WAVING HIS HAND. ALL RIGHT, NEXT?

16

17 **SHEILAH WARD:** GREETINGS: I'M SHELIAH WARD. I'M COMING HERE TO  
18 COMPLAIN ABOUT M.T.A. NOVEMBER 6 LAST YEAR I LEFT THE MAYOR'S  
19 DEBATE. ON MY WAY BACK ON THE TRAIN I GOT OFF ON PICO STATION.  
20 THERE WAS A PIECE OF WOOD A HALF-INCH, INCH AND A HALF BY 6  
21 FEET LONG WAITING FOR JUST ME. THERE WERE ONLY FIVE PEOPLE ON  
22 THE CAR. I WAS THE ONLY ONE STANDING AT THE DOOR TO GET OFF AT  
23 THAT TIME WHERE THERE WAS A MAN THAT WORKED THE TRANSIT  
24 STANDING THERE. AS I STEPPED OFF THE TRAIN, I ROLLED OVER AND  
25 ALMOST HAD A WAS MURDERED WITH THE ONCOMING TRAIN. BUT BEING

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1 LIMBER AS I AM, I BROKE MY FALL AND I DIDN'T TUMBLE OVER ON  
2 THE ON GOING TRAIN. I WENT TO COURT AND ABIDED BY THE LAW OF  
3 THE LAND. THEY DISMISSED MY CASE WITH PREJUDICE. WITH  
4 PREJUDICE, LIKE IT WAS MY FAULT? AND THEN AFTER THAT THEY ADD  
5 INJURY I HAVE A NEXT M.T.A. INCIDENT WHERE THEY CLOSED THE  
6 DOOR ON ME COMING OUT THE BACK DOOR WITH MY CART ON MARTIN  
7 LUTHER KING JANUARY 15 THIS YEAR? I DIDN'T DIE AT THAT ONE  
8 EITHER. BY THE GRACE OF GOD. I FELL DOWN AND PULLED MYSELF  
9 TOGETHER. SAT DOWN ON MY CHAIR THAT I CALL HERE EVERY TUESDAY  
10 AND A SPIDER JUMPS UP TO ADD INSULT AND BITES ME ON THE LEG.  
11 NOW I'M ALMOST TO DIE. I GOT TO GO TO MY DOCTOR. I WENT TO  
12 EMERGENCY. NOW I'M BEING BILLED BY THE COUNTY FROM OBAMA PLAN.  
13 I'M NOT EVEN A CITIZEN LIKE THIS LADY SAID. I'M A SLAVE IN MY  
14 OWN LAND. SLAVERY IS NOT OVER, OKAY? WHEREAS I FALL DOWN, I'M  
15 THE PROBLEM? I'M THE VICTIM? WHERE IS MY RECOURSE? AND I HAVE  
16 TO LISTEN AT EVERYBODY. YOU PEOPLE GET PAID TO DO WHAT YOU DO,  
17 I DON'T I GOT TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE ABOUT BURNING THE WORLD DOWN  
18 AND GO LISTEN TO THEM DON'T STOP WHILE I'M GOING THROUGH ALL  
19 THIS? WHERE IS MY PLAN? AND THEN I APPLY FOR A BUSINESS  
20 LICENSE AND NOW YOU PEOPLE ARE SENDING ME A BILL AFTER I TOLD  
21 YOU PEOPLE I DON'T WANT THE BUSINESS LICENSE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, MA'AM. HOPE THE  
24 SPIDER BITE GETS BETTER. WAIT. JACQUELINE AYER. JOHN WALSH AND  
25 INSUNG CHO.

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1  
2 **JABRIELL MUHAMMAD:** OKAY. THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FROM  
3 BISMULAH THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. MY COMMENTS ARE REGARDS MRS.  
4 LACEY'S REPORT IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I'M VERY  
5 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I MADE A COMMENT I SAID WELL MAYBE MRS.  
6 KAY SHOULD DO A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF MIND  
7 REGARDING ALL OF US WHO ARE ENGAGED IN TRYING TO BE BETTER  
8 CITIZENS FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT THIS  
9 IS MY POINT. I WANT TO KNOW WHERE IS -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
10 VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME. LISTEN TO THIS. THE INCREASE IN  
11 POLICE BRUTALITY IN THIS COUNTRY IS A FRIGHTENING REALITY. IN  
12 THE LAST DECADE ALONE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MURDERED BY POLICE  
13 HAS REACHED 5,000. THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS KILLED SINCE  
14 INCEPTION OF THE IRAQ IS 4,489. SO THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DEALING  
15 WITH, MISS LACEY. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 THE EXAMINATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED SO THAT WE AS CITIZENS FEEL  
17 THAT THEY'RE TRUSTWORTHY? OKAY, THAT'S ONE ISSUE. THE SECOND  
18 ISSUE. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT PIECES OF  
19 CONSTRUCTION IS GOING ON ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE SECOND  
20 SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT. IT'S AN AWESOME PROJECT. I SAW THEM  
21 OPEN UP THE STREET. I THOUGHT THAT WAS AWESOME. WHOEVER WAS  
22 RESPONSIBLE, MAN, THAT SHOULD BE WHAT THEY CALL THAT? THE  
23 MAGNUM OPUS. BUT THE POINT HERE BEING IS THIS. THAT IN THE  
24 MIDST OF ALL THAT MAGNANIMOUS GOING ON, THERE IS A POSTER THAT  
25 DEGENERATES THE ENTIRE EFFORT. THEY ARE WORKING UNDER A POSTER

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1 WITH SIX GUYS CARESSED WITH H.I.V. TEACHERS SAYING ONE  
2 COMMUNITY WITH A SMILE ON THEIR FACE LIKE THEY'RE PROPAGATING  
3 DECADENCE. WE'RE ASKING THAT THAT BILLBOARD BE TAKEN DOWN  
4 BECAUSE IT'S OF --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. NEXT?  
7 IT'S ALL RIGHT. OKAY. HERE WE GO. NEXT, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
10 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS ISSUE THAT I AM  
11 SUBSTANTIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT. LAST MONTH, THE CALIFORNIA  
12 HIGH- SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY FILED A PETITION WITH THE FEDERAL  
13 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REQUESTING FEDERAL PRE-EMPTION IN  
14 MATTERS PERTAINING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. ESSENTIALLY THE AUTHORITY HAS ASKED  
16 THE BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO AVOID C.E.Q.A. STAKEHOLDERS LIKE  
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE RESIDENTS OF ACTON INCLUDING  
18 ME WERE. WITH NOT NOTICED ON THIS PETITION. WHAT I FILED WITH  
19 THE SERVICE TRANSPORTATION BOARD LAST WEEK I POINTED OUT THAT  
20 THE AUTHORITY'S PETITION SEEKING TO AVOID C.E.Q.A. COMPLIANCE  
21 IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD SIDE STEPPING ALL OF THE PROTECTION  
22 PROVISIONS SECURED BY PROPOSITION 1 A. I URGE THE COUNTY TO  
23 ACT SWIFTLY TO INTERVENE IN THE BOARD'S PROCEEDING IN THIS  
24 MATTER AND TO PROTECT ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT LIVE AND WORK  
25 IN THE PATH OF THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT BY INSURING THAT

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1 APPROPRIATE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
2 C.E.Q.A. I BELIEVE THIS ISSUE IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO  
3 EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
4 WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
5 ITSELF. I BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH  
6 THE C.E.Q.A. REGULATIONS AS PROP 1A CLEARLY STATES. THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU READ THE BOARD INTO  
10 CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE?

11

12 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
14 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NO. CS-1 CONFERENCE  
15 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-  
16 3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE  
17 POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CS-4 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
18 INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
19 HEALTH AND ITEM NO. CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
20 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE  
21 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

There was no reportable action taken on items CS-1, CS-3, CS-4, or CS-6.

Item CS-2 was taken off calendar. Item CS-5 was continued in open session one week to November 18, 2014.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors November 12, 2014,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 17th day of November 2014, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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